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Switzerland is a completely landlocked country. The capital is Bern.

In Switzerland most public policy is organised at the cantonal level of regional government. Central government legislates in a Federal Parliament whose members are elected by proportional representation. If supported by substantial numbers in a petition, some laws must be approved by referendum.

The main form of healthcare provision is mandatory insurance against the effects of diseases including accidents, which is provided by private insurance companies (Kassen). Patients, except those on low income, pay a basic annual fee of approx. CHF 3,000 (€2,449). Most oral healthcare is provided by independent private practitioners and paid for directly by individual patients.

Number of dentists: 4,850
Population to (active) dentist ratio: 1,679
Membership of SSO: 90%

Specialists are available and the use of clinical auxiliaries is extensive and well advanced.
Continuing education for dentists is mandatory, and non-participation can lead to lower fees for dental practitioners.

The insurance covers the cost of hospital care, drugs, specialist and general practitioner services. For primary medical care and some dental services a payment mechanism, the "franchise" system operates. Under this arrangement everyone pays up to 500 CHF (€625) per year towards their bills, and 10% of the cost of any treatments covered by the Health Insurance System, up to an upper maximum, CHF 700 (€565) in 2013.

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Although the largest insurance companies have members nationwide, subscribers in different Cantons pay different contributions to reflect the varying demand and cost of healthcare in each area. The Kassen are subsidised by Federal taxes. They are not allowed to make profits from the basic statutory insurance, but can benefit from any additional coverage, such as dental care. In addition to the main programmes for medical insurance and accident insurance, there are smaller health schemes of disability insurance and military insurance.

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Oral healthcare

Oral Health Services

Apart from a minority of dentists employed by hospitals or the school dental service, most oral healthcare is provided by independent private practitioners and paid for directly by individual patients. Unless dental treatment is necessary because of an accident, the medical insurance system only subsidises the cost when a patient has a prescribed disease and only 10-15% of care is eligible. Disability insurance entitles children and young adults aged up to 20 years, to any necessary treatment for a defined set of facial congenital abnormalities. Over the age of 20, the general medical insurance system provides cover for this group.

There is a dental service dedicated to children, provided by private practitioners and a small public service. The practitioners or the service receive government subsidies, and parents pay set fees for each item of treatment according to their income.

There is no reported any difficulty for patients to access the limited public health care.

It is estimated that regular patients normally visit their dentist for re-examinations every 6 to 12 months. About 90% of the population access dentistry in a 2-year period, and a dentist would normally have a “list” of about 1,500 regular patients.

Private insurance for dental care

About 10% of the population are members of private insurance schemes which cover some dental care costs, especially orthodontics. All such schemes are personal and premiums are paid directly to the insurance companies which are self-regulating and bear all the financial risks. The level of the premiums is linked to the cover required, and the insurance company determines whether an entrant’s oral health is good enough to join the scheme.

The Quality of Care

The standards of dental care are monitored by the insurance agencies and by dental councils within each Kasse. By law all treatment has to be appropriate, economical and ‘evidence based’. However, there are no statistical checks on dentists whose treatment patterns exceed the average.

The only other control on the quality of care is through patient complaints.

Health data

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<td>% of OH expenditure private</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>2012</td>
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“DMFT zero at age 12” refers to the number of 12 years old children with a zero DMFT. “Edentulous at age 65” refers to the numbers of over 64s with no natural teeth

* The DMFT figure is based on Canton of Zurich only (not national)

Fluoridation

There is no water or milk fluoridation, however there is extensive salt fluoridation. Consumed table salt contains fluoride as an additive.
Education, Training and Registration

Undergraduate Training

All the dental schools in Switzerland are publicly funded and are part of the Faculties of Medicine within the relevant universities. To enter dental school students must pass an examination for university ability. There is no other vocational type entry.

The course lasts 5 years – 2 years at the university learning the theory without any chairside work and 3 years combined university and practice.

The responsibility for quality assurance in the faculties is by the University board.

Qualification and Vocational Training

Primary dental qualification

The main degree which may be included in the register is the Swiss Federal Diploma for Dentistry. However, "fully harmonised" EU primary qualifications are also accepted.

Vocational Training (VT)

There is post-qualification vocational training of two years, which is mandatory to qualify to provide treatments covered by the health insurance system.

Registration

To register as a dentist in Switzerland, a practitioner must have a recognised diploma with a minimum of 5 years' study, evidence of 2 years' additional postgraduate experience and be able to demonstrate ongoing participation in continuing education. Applications must be made to the Federal Board (of the national government), but the registers are kept by each of the 26 Cantonal authorities. The additional dental experience can be earned in university clinics, public dental clinics and as a private practitioner.

There is no fee payable for registration.

Language requirements

The dentist must be able to speak German, French or Italian depending in which part of Switzerland they are going to work.

Further Postgraduate and Specialist Training

Continuing education

Since 1994, there has been a minimum level of compulsory participation in continuing education (CE), 10 days per year. Every year 10% of dentists are approached and must submit documents to show the CE they have undertaken.

More than 75% do fulfil the requirements. Those who do not achieve the requirements are ordered to increase their hours of CE.

If they do not complete the requested time, the social insurance agency reimburses the dentist at a lower level.

Specialist Training

In Switzerland there are four specialties – orthodontics, periodontics, oral surgery and prosthetics are officially recognised by the SSO. Maxillo Facial surgery is recognised as a medical specialty, by the Swiss Medical Association.

- Orthodontics: 4 years training and exam, leading to the title - Fachzahnarzt für Kieferorthopädie
- Periodontics: 3 years training and exam, leading to the title - Fachzahnarzt für Parodontologie
- Prosthetics: 3 years training and exam, leading to the title - Fachzahnarzt für Rekonstruktive Zahnmedizin
- Oral surgery: 3 years training and exam, leading to the title - Fachzahnarzt für Oralchirurgie

Training is provided in dental university centres and at private specialists’ practice. Examinations and registration are organised by Schweizerische Zahnärzte-Gesellschaft, in collaboration with the Swiss federal health office.
Workforce

**Dentists**

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<td>Total Registered</td>
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<td>In active practice</td>
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<td>Percentage female</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Qualified overseas</td>
<td>3,500</td>
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*active dentists only

The total number of practitioners is stable. It was reported by the SSO that there were a small number of unemployed dentists in 2013.

**Movement of dentists across borders**

There is (described by the SSO as) a large immigration of dentists into Switzerland, especially from Germany, France and Italy. By 2013 the Swiss authority had recognised approximately 3,500 diplomas from EU countries, which corresponds to about 70% of all dentists in Switzerland.

**Specialists**

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There is no specific system for access to specialists and in most cases patients are referred by another dentist.

**Auxiliaries**

Other than dental chairside assistants, there are four types of dental auxiliary: Dental hygienists, Dental therapists, Dental technicians and Denturists (only recognised in 3 of 26 cantons)

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<td>Denturists</td>
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<td>Therapists</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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**Dental Hygienists**

Hygienist training is for 3 years at Hygienist School and there are four such colleges. They must hold a dental hygienist qualification and this has to be registered with the professional education department of the Swiss Red Cross.

Their duties include scaling and simple gum treatment and Oral Health Instruction, and the insertion of preventive sealants. In some cantons they are permitted to administer local anaesthetics.

Dental Hygienists are employed by private practitioners or the public dental service, and must work under the supervision of a dentist. In 13 cantons they may be self-employed and accept money from patients. But the working field is restricted and the patients are assigned by a dentist. Indemnity or insurance cover is not compulsory.

**Dental Technicians**

Technicians train for 4 years in dental technicians’ laboratories. A federal registerable qualification is required in some cantons.

Dental technicians duties are the construction of prostheses and they are not allowed to work in the mouths of patients. They normally work in commercial laboratories and receive fees for appliances. A few work in practices for a salary.

**Denturists**

Denturists are permitted to work in private practice, but only in the cantons of Zurich, Nidwalden and Schwyz. They are only allowed to provide removable prostheses. They are not accepted for the provision of treatments covered by the health insurance.

They train under postgraduate modules for dental technicians and this requires an additional training period of 1,500 hours. The denturists have to register with the cantonal health department.

**Dental Therapists**

Dental therapists are allowed to undertake simple operative treatments under the supervision of a dentist. In reality, the majority of the work they do is the removal of supragingival calculus, so their role is very similar to that of a dental hygienist. They are SSO-trained and are also registered with the association. Most work with dentists in private practices, although they are also employed in the public dental service. Self-employment is not permitted.

**Dental Chairside Assistants**

The training for a chairside assistant is 3 years, with a final examination for qualification. This education is federally recognised. They do not have to register. The average is 1.5 Chairside Assistants for every dentist.
Practice in Switzerland

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Working in General Practice

Dentists who practice on their own or as small groups and who provide a broad range of general treatments are said to be in Private Practice. 40 to 50 per cent of dentists in private practice work in isolation from other dentists (“single-handed”).

Most dentists in private practice are self-employed and earn their living through charging fees for treatments. Almost all are also contracted to treat patients under the social insurance system. This contract is established by the santé suisse which is a corporate body representing the health insurance companies. The contract includes a scale of fees, for a limited range of treatments, which must be applied for all work carried out within the social or medical insurance scheme. The dentist charges a patient according to the special rate, the patient then sends the invoice to the insurance company for reimbursement. Apart from the insurance premium, the treatment is therefore free for the patient.

However, even though the SSO signs the tariff contract on behalf of its members, dentists retain the right to treat patients outside the scheme where most care is provided.

Fee scales

The fee-scale incorporates both a points-system reflecting the relative cost of different treatments, and an established monetary value per point. The scale is calculated using the standard income, running expenses and level of service of a “standard practice”. The “standard income” uses the principle that a dentist in private practice should earn approximately the same as one employed by the state and the expenses of a “standard practice” which is based upon a practice of a defined size, in terms of space and manpower. The standard rates of treatment are determined by a large survey of private surgeries and state-run dental clinics.

Under the health insurance agreement, prior approval for treatment may be required for more expensive forms of treatment. In contrast, for those patients who pay the whole cost of care themselves, the level of fees is set by each individual dentist. However, the SSO sets maximum prices for its members.

Joining or establishing a practice

Although premises can only be rented or owned by dentists, they can be located anywhere where there is sufficient demand for services. For SSO members the practice cannot be a limited company, and in certain Cantons dentists can only work as the sole owner of the business. There is no state assistance for establishing a new practice, and dentists must take out commercial loans from a bank. There is no restriction on the opening of new practices, but recognition for health insurance is limited.

There are no specific contractual requirements between practitioners working in the same practice. A dentist’s employees however are protected by the national laws on equal employment opportunities, maternity benefits, occupational health, minimum vacations and health and safety.

Working in the Public Clinics

In certain parts of Switzerland a small public dental service provides care for school children and some disabled people, usually free of charge.

The work of the public dental service is increasingly being undertaken by private practitioners. Usually the service is provided in school clinics or another public building. However, in some rural areas the service is contracted to private dentists in their own practices. Working in the public dental service requires no additional postgraduate training and there is no career structure.

Working in Hospitals

Dentists practise in hospitals either as salaried employees of the cantonal governments or on a fee-per-item basis. Working as dentists or dental surgeons, they provide dental care in the major hospitals at Bern, Basel, Geneva and Zurich where the dental schools are also located and in about twenty other hospitals. There are usually no restrictions on seeing other patients outside the hospital. Some doctors working in hospitals also carry out oral surgery. Hospital clinical employees and public officials are appointed by the Cantonal government.

Working in Universities and Dental Faculties

Dentists work in universities and dental faculties as employees of the university. If their contract allows, University dentists can work in private practice outside the faculty.

The main academic titles within a Swiss dental faculty are those of Ordinary Professor, Extraordinary Professor, Lecturer and Assistant and First Assistant to help instruct students. There are no formal requirements for postgraduate training but professors generally qualify by a process called habilitation. This requires a recognised research record and delivering a special lecture or seminar. Dentists who are professors through habilitation also become faculty members, on the permanent body of the university with tenured positions. As public employees the retirement age for professors is 65.

A typical full-time dental faculty member will spend most time (50%) on teaching, approximately 20% of their time on research, 15-20% on administration and the remaining 10-15% on seeing their own patients. Epidemiological surveys are undertaken by the dental faculties.

Working in the Armed Forces

In 2013, no dentists served full-time in the Armed Forces.
Professional Matters

Professional association

There is a single main national dental association, the Société Suisse des médecines-dentistes or SSO, supported by a strong system of Cantonal Sections. The Sections have an important role in organising continuing education, and working with the Cantonal government to produce legislation. The Liechtenstein Dental Association is also a Section of the SSO.

About 90% of Swiss dentists are members of the SSO (2013).

Ethics and Regulation

Ethical Code

Dentists in Switzerland work within an ethical code which covers relationships and behaviour between dentists, contracts with patients, consent and confidentiality, continuing education, and advertising. This code is administered by the SSO and the cantonal governments. Cantonal laws cover some ethical aspects of practice, including advertising regulations and obligations to provide emergency out-of-hours services.

Fitness to Practise/Disciplinary Matters

If a patient is concerned about the treatment they have received they may complain to an ombudsman within their Canton. The Canton Section of the SSO will then set up a “supervision commission” to determine whether the treatment was appropriate, or the level of the cost. The sanctions which may be applied for complaints include financial penalties and warnings, and on rare occasions limitation of the right to practise. Rules relating to these sanctions vary from Canton to Canton.

Data Protection

Generally, Switzerland follows the EU Directive on Data Protection.

Advertising

Advertising is allowed providing it is open and the content is not misleading. There is no available information about rules relating to the use of websites.

Indemnity Insurance

Liability insurance is not compulsory for dentists but all have it. The insurance is provided by private insurance companies. A general practitioner pays approximately 2,200 CHF (€1,775) annually for this, although the sum depends on the level of coverage. However, this insurance does not cover dentists for working in other countries.

Corporate Dentistry

Dentists are allowed to form corporate bodies (companies). However, it is not required that Board members are dentists; the dentist has full clinical responsibility and he is also subject to official control/ supervision.

Tooth Whitening

The Swiss had not made decision (by 2008) whether tooth whitening was cosmetic or medicinal. However, products may only be applied by dentists or hygienists.

Health and Safety at Work

Dentists and those who work for them are recommended to be inoculated against Hepatitis B and later be checked regularly for sero-conversion. The employer usually pays for inoculation of the dental staff.

Regulations for Health and Safety

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Ionising Radiation

Training in ionising radiation is part of the undergraduate course. Whilst there is this special training once, there is no continuing training.

Radiation equipment must be registered.

Hazardous waste

Whilst the Swiss are not enacting the EU Directive, there are regulations to cover the disposal of clinical waste, including the installation of amalgam separators.

Amalgam separators have been required by law for many years.
Financial Matters

Retirement pensions and Healthcare

Pension premiums are paid at about 15 to 20% of earnings for national and professional schemes.

Men, at 65, and women, at 64, are entitled to an old-age pension. Payments may be taken out earlier by one or two years, but a fee per each year advanced is charged. Payments can also be postponed by one to five years, which gives an increase in payments depending on the number of months postponed. Dentists are allowed to practice beyond pension age.

A second pillar is based on occupational pension plans and accident insurance. Employees who earn more than 20,520 CHF (€16,550) a year are automatically insured by the second pillar pension fund. Pension plans and accident insurance have been mandatory for all employees for more than 25 years. The self-employed can join on a voluntary basis. When combined with the first pillar benefits, a person could expect to earn about 60 per cent of their final salary to help maintain their previous standard of living.

A third pillar is a private, individual option that workers can use to help make up the remainder of their income not covered by the first two pillars. Such schemes are also protected by law and often offer tax advantages.

For the majority of the Swiss population accident insurance is paid for at about 1 - 1.5% of annual earnings, and for disease insurance coverage an individual would typically pay around 3,000CHF (€2,420) per year.

Taxes

There is a national income tax, social security tax, and cantonal taxes. There is also a cantonal wealth and inheritance tax which is payable on certain types of earnings up to a level of 1%.

The top tax rate is at 42% and is levied to on incomes above approximately CHF 200,000 (€128,000).

VAT/sales tax

Switzerland introduced a value added tax system in 1995. Basically, the Swiss VAT system is in line with the 6th Directive of the European Union (although Switzerland is not a member of the European Union).

The VAT rates in Switzerland are: 8.0% standard rate, 2.5% reduced rate (for food, medicine, newspapers, books and feed) and 3.8% for lodging services

VAT is 8% on most dental equipment and consumables. Costs for dental treatment are not subject to VAT.
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  - Number of students: 100

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  - Dentists graduating each year: 19
  - Number of students: 110

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  - Dentists graduating each year: 44
  - Number of students: 232

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  - Dentists graduating each year: 25
  - Number of students: 125