Kenya Dental Association
Profile

• The Kenya Dental Association was founded in 1977 with the objective of promoting the advancement of dental practice in Kenya.

• The association has also acted as a welfare organ for dental practitioners as well as one of the key promoters of oral health awareness in the country.
VISION

• To be the leading organization in the development of the oral healthcare profession in Kenya.
MISSION

• To promote the interest of oral healthcare professionals and the public in oral health matters and to set high standards of service delivery.
Core values

• Uphold professional ethics
• Uphold moral standards, social upstanding
• Have active social responsibility programs
• Be accountable to its membership or stakeholders
• Promote team work and collective responsibility
• Serve with integrity and diligence
Organogram

- The council consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Asst secretary, Treasurer, Asst treasurer and 8 other regular council members.
- Currently reviewing the structure in our new constitution; President to replace title Chair.
- The Council supervises the management of the business and affairs of the association.
KDA membership

- Membership include diverse expertise in academia, dental research, public and private dental practitioners.
- These rich resources are used to inform on desirable oral health policies, legislative/regulatory and budgetary allocation to promote optimum oral health for all Kenyans.
FITNESS TO PRACTICE

• As part of our duty to protect the public, if a dentist falls seriously short of the standards expected of them we play a role in engaging the board on this and being a watch dog.

• A dental professional’s fitness to practice complain may come to us from a fellow dentist, the patients themselves or the public.

• We always advice on where to go(the board) and where possible we assist in arbitration. Especially in cases of payment disputes.
• Arbitration is the key tool used by the association to deal with the myriad allegations raised before the disciplinary committee.

• We refer to the MDPB if a complain warrants it and cannot be resolved with arbitration.
FITNESS TO PRACTICE

• There is need to have a uniform approach to the exchange of fitness to practice information across countries.
• What is the capacity of the regulatory boards to monitors dentists at the county level and role of KDA.
• Could there be an MOU with the regulatory bodies and KDA because we have our representatives at our branches across the counties to ascertain the fitness to practice.
• Example of a country that has managed to have a regulatory body work closely with an association is the USA. The practice of dentistry is overseen by the Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA) and the American Dental Association.
Certificate of status of good practice

• While currently not in practice, KDA is exploring a way of certifying its members as professionals in good standing with the Association once one fulfils some of the below criteria being developed:
  1. Education requirement (KMDPB)
  2. Licensure requirement (KMDPB)
  3. Good moral character
  4. State of the practice – up to date with international standards
  5. Documentation
  6. Infection control and radiation safety
  7. Emergency preparedness of the clinic/establishment
Certificate of status of good practice

- While currently not enforceable it is our view as an association that in addition to holding a valid current and active license, it should also be mandatory that they belong to professional associations and they are in good standing as a further requirement for eligibility for both local dentist retention and mutual recognition and reciprocal licensure.
Continuing professional development

• KDA is an accredited CPD provider.
• (CPD) lecture held on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} Friday of every month (local /international speakers).
• These seminars have become a useful platform where members are able to gain valuable insight in various aspects of dental practice and will continue to strengthen position as credible CPD provider.
• Other CPD activities include: seminars, hands on courses, study groups, journal clubs, E-learning and conferences. (Annual conference from 19\textsuperscript{th}-21\textsuperscript{st} Nov 2015 in Eldoret).
CPD

• CPDs ensures that the dentists keep up with the latest in technology/practice and this reduces the chances of malpractice.
• There is need for regulatory bodies to ensure that no dentist is retained in the register without fulfilling the CPD requirements.
• Use of technology like on-line CPDs can be used to overcome the challenges of hard to reach areas. KDA setting this in motion.
KDA JOURNALS
LINCENSURE FOREIGN TRAINED MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTIONERS

• KDA is not involved in licensure of foreign trained dentists but we get a lot of enquires which we direct to the board.

• Need for the board to involve associations. ELIGIBILITY must be clear and open for input by associations and its members to remove the feeling of invasion of our noble profession.
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• A monitoring committee with some of its members drawn from the association is key.

• Though requirements may vary, we would recommend all applicants for foreign trained dental licensure must meet three basic requirements:

  i. An education requirement.
  ii. A written examination requirement.
  iii. A clinical examination.

Currently, a clinical examination is not a requirement.
KDA CSR Mobile clinic ("KDA dental caravan")

- This Mobile clinic is used to strengthen our community based outreach programmes to thousand of rural folk who are unable to access dental services. The vehicle is equipped with modern dental equipment capable of providing comprehensive dental treatment. We hope in all our endeavours at regulation we are giving back to society.
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