

Post graduate Education for Dental Teams Using Video Conference and eLearning



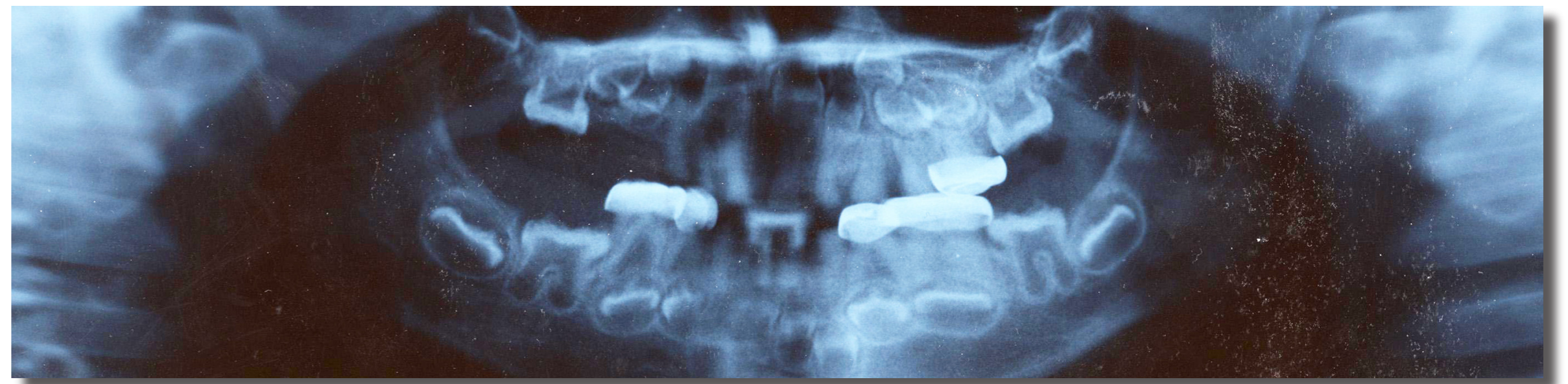
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THE TAKO-CENTRE – WHY?

Persons with rare conditions may have:

- Developmental disturbances of teeth or facial structures
- Chewing, swallowing and speech problems
- Dry mouth or other oral effects of drugs
- Defects in ectodermal or connective tissue which may effect oral structures



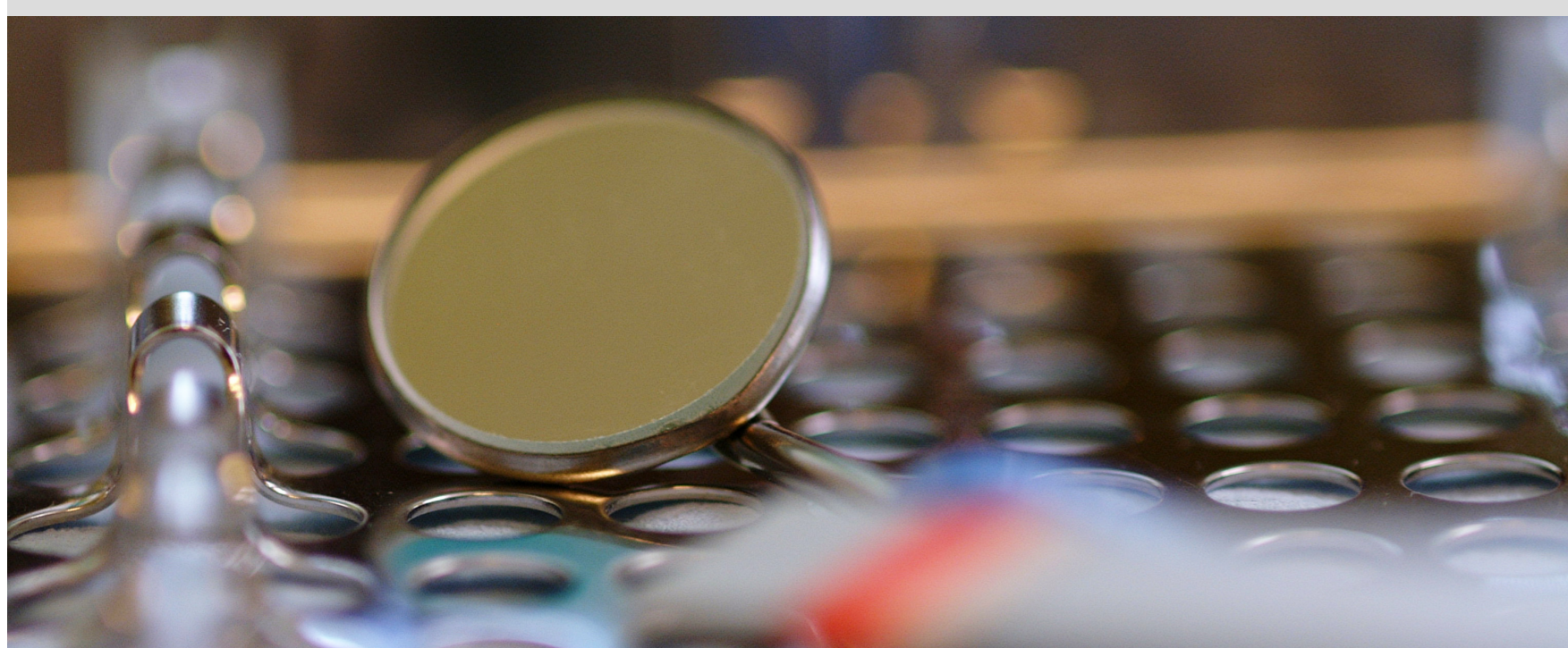
CURRENT POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

10 oral health care teams (2 from each health region)



THE TAKO-CENTRE – HOW?

Dentists, speech pathologist and physiotherapist collect, systematize and disseminate information on oral health problems in rare conditions.



MODULE I – 2001/2002

- 1 week introduction course
- Genetics, ethics, communication
- Examples of Rare Medical Conditions
- 10 x 3 hours video conference lectures
- 2 days summing up

MODULE III – 2004

(2 months)

eLearning

Themes:

- Mental retardation
- 3 x 3 hours video conferences

MODULE II – 2002/2003

(3 months)

3 themes:

- Ectodermal dysplasias
- Osteogenesis imperfecta
- Drooling

3 video conferences

- Teachers/specialists available by e-mail and telephone
- 3 case histories to be assessed by participants (written reports)
- Evaluation by participants

MODULE IV – 2005/2006

7 x 3 hours video conferences

Themes:

- Children with cancer
- Cerebral palsy
- Immunodeficiencies
- Juvenile arthritis
- Neuromuscular disorders
- Organ transplanted children (kidney, livers)

TARGET GROUPS

- The dental team
- Other health professionals
- Patients and families
- Politicians and lawmakers

METHODS

- Examination of patients
- Short- and long term treatment plans
- Advice and information to dental teams and patients
- Research
- Post-graduate education programmes

SUCCESS CRITERIA

Nine of ten teams still follow the program. All teams function as satellites of the TAKO-centre and follow up patients in cooperation with our staff.

