

## Special Care Dentistry in Norway, the Past, the Present and the Future

In the NFH Nordic 2023 congress we heard from the professor Mohammed Al-Haroni from the Arctic University of Norway that they are providing special education of special care dentistry. The Arctic University is located in Tromsø and they got their new building for dental education, "the Tooth house", in the year 2007.

They have provided education in this field from 2011, it was called Multidisciplinary dentistry, but in the year 2022 this field was accepted for field of specialization. They already have educated 23 specialist in the field of special care dentistry. The education is 3 years long but before the education all students (dentist) need to do 2 years of clinical work. The education contains 180 credits. In this 3 yearlong education all students do clinical work at the university clinic, outreach clinical work, clinical work at the hospital and portfolio that contains 90 cases.

Professor Al-Haroni said that this education field is almost like paediatric dentistry for adults. This is really important in the north because all the dentistry happens in public clinics. There is no private clinics in the northeast part of Norway.

We hope to see this kind of education in every Nordic country in the future.

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