



International Association of Dental Traumatology

Introduction to the IADT Fellowship process (2020)

The Fellowship Examination is designed to provide evidence toward validation of the individual's advanced training /expertise in dental traumatology. The Examinee is expected to have an in-depth knowledge of all topics related to paediatric and adult dental trauma, including application of knowledge to clinical management of traumatic dental injuries (TDI)

The Examination is the second of a two-part process for fellowship of IADT and is administered via computer only in the English language. The virtual 2.5-hour examination is taken at any time within the designated examination period (2-3 days, including at least 1 weekend day). Each candidate is given a unique log in code and the 2.5-hour period must be completed within a single sitting.

Minimal requirements are access to reliable internet access and the Web browser Chrome

The successful Examinee must demonstrate a well-rounded in-depth understanding and clinical application of knowledge to Dental Traumatology. The pass mark is 70%. Candidates who are successful will be notified within 8 weeks of the examination. The Fellowship committee will then propose to the IADT Board of Directors that the candidate be awarded the Fellowship in Dental Traumatology (FIADT).

Description of the Examination

The Examination is composed of 100 objective, single-best answer, multiple choice, extended matching and true or false items. Only one response is the most correct. The Examinee will have a single 2.5-hour session to complete the examination. The test is intended to assess the Examinee's understanding of the scientific and biological principles that support the management of TDI, as well as current literature. Clinical application of the knowledge will be examined using case based questions across all aspects of the examination. The necessary knowledge needed during the exam covers the issues of dental trauma in both children and adults.

Recommendations for preparation:

The examination is based upon multiple resources. Each examinee should be familiar with the current scientific and biologic basis for management of TDI. Potential resources for study include recent editions of textbooks on dental trauma, paediatric dentistry, endodontics and pulp therapy. Dental Traumatology, the official journal of IADT and the Dental Trauma Guide are also considered valuable resources- both readily available via the IADT website as membership benefits

Topics covered in examination

Terminology,
Epidemiology
Diagnosis of soft tissue injuries
Diagnosis of hard tissue injuries
Acute management
Sequelae of each TDI
Pathophysiology and consequences of dental trauma
Radiographic analysis
Clinical issues in child and adult
Pulp biology and healing/non-healing
PDL biology and healing/non-healing
Predictors for healing complications
Materials and medicaments
Pain control
Long term consequences of early tooth loss
Information to the public

IADT has also suggested a potential reading list that can be helpful in preparing for the exam, although familiarization only with the contents of the attached list does not guarantee a successful result. We also recommend keeping up to date with the latest publications in the field of dental traumatology.

GUIDELINES ELIGIBILITY TO SIT THE FELLOWSHIP EXAM

Section 1 Statement

The IADT offers members an opportunity to earn a Fellowship in Dental Traumatology. The Fellowship recognizes colleagues across all clinical disciplines who provide treatment, teaching, support research and who stimulate advances in the field. Successful candidates will be admitted as a Fellow of the International Association of Dental Traumatology. Fellowship is the highest academic level of achievement with the IADT. The attainment of Fellowship demonstrates a significant depth and breadth of scientific knowledge and comprehension of evidence-based practice gained from enquiry, professional development and clinical experience. Completed rigorous examination and assessment, in which the candidate has displayed critical evaluation, integration of this knowledge and understanding of contemporary trauma-related evidence to benefit patients that have suffered a traumatic incident needs to be demonstrated.

The award will be based on a points system and an online examination. Successful candidates will be recognized and rewarded with a certificate and a lapel pin, identified on the IADT web page, and recognized at a special ceremony at the next IADT congress. Where local dental regulatory authorities permit, Fellows will be permitted to use the letters FIADT after their name. The post-nominals FIADT can only be used by current and financial IADT members as this privilege also demonstrates an ongoing association with the IADT.

Section 2

Eligibility

Applicants who seek eligibility to sit for the Fellowship examination must:

2.1 Have been an active member of IADT for a minimum of 3 consecutive years immediately prior to

Application AND

2.2 Have accumulated 12 points from activities in at least 3 different areas (See Appendix 1) AND

2.3 Candidates MUST be an author or co-author of a paper published on dental trauma in a journal with an impact factor of at least 1.0

Section 3

The process

- Candidates must apply for eligibility for the Fellowship using the online Application Form for Fellowship (IADT WEBPAGE) and submit an enrolment fee of \$100 US. Payments are to be made online
- Documentation required: scanned documents proving activities and signed personal affirmation
- IADT's Administration Office will forward the application to the Fellowship Committee for evaluation
- Applications will be reviewed by two members of the Fellowship committee of the IADT
- Candidates will be notified of their eligibility within 8 weeks of the submission of their application
- Candidates are expected to have a thorough knowledge of trauma related research and clinical scenarios. All candidates as members have access to the library of all issues of the IADT's journal 'Dental Traumatology'. Knowledge of current textbooks on dental trauma is expected for successful completion of the fellowship examination. The study guidelines for the Fellowship examination lists key literature

Section 4

The outcome

Based on the evaluations, the Fellowship Committee will deem the candidate eligible or not yet eligible to sit for the examination.

- If a candidate is deemed eligible, he/she will be allowed to proceed to examination for Fellowship
- If a candidate is deemed not yet eligible, he/she will not be permitted to proceed to examination
- A candidate deemed not yet eligible will be informed of the reason for this determination and steps that can be taken to be deemed eligible
- A candidate deemed not yet eligible can request, within 30 days of their notification, to have their application reviewed by an appeals panel, which will be comprised of two members of the Fellowship Committee and two independent Fellows of the IADT
- A candidate, who is deemed not yet eligible, may resubmit an application after completing further requirements. No additional fee will be charged if the candidate resubmits their

application and requirements have been met within a two-year period from the first application being submitted

Section 5

The examination

- Eligible candidates will be examined online
- A payment fee of \$150 US will be required per examination
- The examination will be based on trauma-related knowledge
- The decision of the IADT examination is final and not open to appeal
- Successful candidates will be published on the IADT webpage and in the IADT newsletter
- All candidates will be invited to provide feedback on the Examination process
- Due to the integrity process for future examinations it will not be possible to provide individual feedback on questions passed or failed in the examination. The results of the Examination are final. Therefore, the Examination is considered a requirement for Fellowship rather than a learning-based assessment. Candidates should appreciate that successful attainment of the 12-point activity statement implies a prior commitment and knowledge in the field of dental traumatology. Prior examinations have resulted in most candidates successfully completing the requirements for Fellowship due to the rigorous requirements required to sit the Fellowship examination

Section 6

Process for unsuccessful candidates.

- The examination of any unsuccessful candidates will be reviewed by other members of the Fellowship committee before the outcome of the examination will be communicated to the candidate. The mark is final and no appeal is allowed. Review of the examination is not allowed.
- Candidates who have failed the Examination are encouraged to resit the Examination in one year. The Examination fee of \$150 US will apply. The Activity based points system will be current for all future examinations as acknowledgment of the candidates existing commitment to the IADT and their interest in the field of dental traumatology
- The candidate can resit the examination in the following year(s) until a successful result has been achieved. Additional examination fees for each Examination will apply per IADT policy.