

# Regulatory framework of dental practice in the Argentine Republic

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## Resume

**Objetives.** The purpose of this paper was to update the legal framework related to dental practice in the Argentine Republic.

**Methods.** A documentary investigation was carried out that explored the legal regulations related to Dentistry in the Argentine Republic. The following were taken as search detractors: “odontológico”, “odontológica”, “odontóloga”, “odontólogo” and “odontología” in the digest of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of the Nation (Infoleg). The norms were grouped into five periods linked to different national socio-political processes (1944-1959; 1960-1975; 1976-1982; 1983-2002; 2003-2022). The statistical treatment was used the IBM SPSS Statistics 27.0 program, 95% CI, 5% margin of error,  $p < 0.05$ .

**Results.** Of the 225 regulations found, the distribution according to the type of regulation was: Agreed 3 (1.3%), Act 1 (0.4%), Decision 3 (1.3%), Decree 35 (15.6%), Provision 44 (19.6%), Law 21 (9.3%), Resolution 118 (52.4%). The distribution according to the unit of origin of the regulation was: Ministry 163 (72.4%), CNA 16 (7.1%), PEN 40 (17.8%), Chief of Staff 3 (1.3%) and CSJN 3 (1.3%). In addition, it was observed that, of all the periods observed, only in the second was a specific law on dental practice recorded; while the largest number of regulations related to Dentistry were made in the period 2003-2022; registering the years 2015 and 2020 with the highest proportion.

**Conclusions.** From the processed sample, it was possible to conclude that during the last sociopolitical period of Argentina, there was a greater visibility of Dentistry in the national regulatory framework. ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**Key words.** Dental legislation, Legal Dentistry, Dental practice

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