



**Collectif
contre
DENTEXIA**

Launching of the Sponsors'
Club for the Dentexia
Toothless

OUR OBJECTIVE

We want to organize humanitarian free actions to help the victims of Dentexia (who call themselves as the 'Sans-Dents' or "the Toothless") so that their dental treatment can be completed.

WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR?

- Professionals or companies of the dental field ;
- Manufacturers/ suppliers of implants and/or technical equipment ;
- Private/public sponsors.

HOW IT WILL WORK

- Among the around 2500 known victims of Dentexia, at least 25 (1%) (selected by the 'Collectif contre Dentexia' because their sanitary, financial and psychological situation is preoccupying) are totally taken care of for free by the SCDT until their treatment is completed. The sponsors pledge on their honor to complete (or repair if needed) the treatment started in the Dentexia centers ;
- The candidate should present all the necessary / requested documents regarding his medical status and understand that the doctor-patient relationship is central to the project success;
- 'Le Collectif' pledges to publish on a special internet page the names of the sponsors (in accordance with the laws regarding advertising) ;
- If the sponsor wishes to, he/she may help without his/her name (or the name of his/her company) being mentioned ;
- 'Le Collectif' pledges to take every measures to let the medias who already cooperate in our action know about the creation of the SCDT, as well as to communicate the list of the sponsors when the treatments are completed ;
- A satisfaction survey will be carried out among the victims who will benefit from the 'sponsoring' and will be publicly and largely broadcasted.

IF YOU WISH TO HELP

To join the 'Sponsors' Club for the Dentexia Toothless', you only need to send an e-mail to:

contact@collectif-contre-dentexia.com

or to leave a message on our website:

www.collectif-contre-dentexia.com

For more information, see for instance : <http://www.politico.eu/article/revolt-of-the-angry-french-toothless-sans-dents-dentexia/>

Who are we ?

'Le collectif contre Dentexia' was created in January 2016 in response to the way the dental chain Dentexia had been functioning in France and its consecutive bankruptcy. The victims gathered within our group do not pay any admission fee, and the various persons who work within it do it as volunteers and are totally independent from the dental trade, as well as from the healthcare institutions, politicians or from any pecuniary manipulation or conflict of interest. We all share strong values such as solidarity, mutual assistance, volunteering, gift of self to others, togetherness, empathy, friendliness, patience and pragmatism.

What is the situation of the victims today ?

When the Dentexia "low-cost" dental centers were liquidated about one year ago, hundreds of patients were left aside and somehow trapped right in the middle of their dental treatment (which the patients had most of the time prepaid). This was an unprecedented situation in France and we said it loud and clear to the mass medias, the general public and the healthcare institutions and actors, who did not immediately measure what a health, financial and social scandal the "Dentexia affair" represented. Some measures were officially taken to help the victims, such as a free clinical checkup (because the treatment they had received in the Dentexia centers often proved to be defective) and the possibility to ask for an exceptional aid to the health insurance mutual fund to help them take their treatment up again. Unfortunately, these technical rather than human-centered measures have proved to be rather ineffective until now. Whereas most of the Dentexia victims were compelled to take care for themselves with the help of the 'Collectif contre Dentexia', some other victims are still lost because their clinical case is very complex (and costly even if their dental treatment turns to be partially paid by the national healthcare fund) or because they have not found a dental surgeon ready to take on their treatment. This situation can have very serious consequences on a sanitary level of course, but also on a psychological one. This was sadly proven by the many distress signals we received and a few suicide attempts.

'Le Collectif contre Dentexia' cannot just stand by and watch this happen without taking action

That's why we invite sponsors to help us, starting today.

How can a sponsor help?

We would like to believe that the professionals of the dental trade will share our view : it is vital to take action. This is the reason why we have decided to create the "Sponsors' Club for the Dentexia Toothless". An initiative that must be transparent and virtuous : a dental professional (either a dental surgeon or a supplier of dental implants and prostheses) decides to help one or several victims of Dentexia by offering them a complete treatment in order to settle their problems. Staying true to ourselves, 'le Collectif contre Dentexia' will not interfere in any way on a financial point of view. The sponsor will not give any money either to the Collectif or to the victims. The ambition of the sponsor has to be purely humanitarian. We only ask the sponsor to commit to complete the treatment of the victim(s) placed under his/her responsibility as soon as possible and in the best possible conditions. The implants, prosthesis and so on must be high quality materials and the treatment professionally dispensed.

How will the candidates be chosen ?

'Le Collectif contre Dentexia' will select the more distressed victims, taking into account the medical, psychological, financial and/ or social aspects. Legal issues (in terms of co-responsibility of the novel dentists) have been fixed by a Ministerial note of July 4th, 2016. The medical cases are as follows:

- Teeth that Dentexia extracted and that are not replaced on this day;
- Screws for implants set in place a few months (or years) ago left without any associated prosthesis;
- Defective implants and prostheses (likely to cause infections) to be removed and replaced.

On behalf of all its members, 'le Collectif contre Dentexia' wishes to thank you in advance !
