

History of the Museum of Dentistry



The person who may be considered the founder of the Vienna Dental Museum was Georg Carabelli, Edler von Lunkaszprie (1787-1842). He obtained his training as military surgeon at the Joseph Academy and later became the first person to teach courses on dentistry at the University of Vienna. As these courses were only theoretical lectures without practical instructions, he set up a collection of teaching aids, which became the basis of the present museum.



His successor Moriz Heider (1816-1866) founded 1861 the first Austrian dental association: „Verein Österreichischer Zahnärzte“ (VÖZ), today „Österreichische Gesellschaft für Zahn-, Mund und Kieferheilkunde“ (ÖGZMK), took care of the collection and enlarged it. It was not before 1890 that a training center for dentists (the “k.u.k. Zahnambulatorium“ in Vienna) could be established, together with another collection of objects of dentistry.

Today the Dental Museum in Vienna conserves and takes care of cultural heritage of dentistry. It is open both to experts in the field of dentistry and to the general public.

Come to see and experience ingenious inventions of the past, which appear stunningly clever even today. Have a look and see how physicians of former times tried to mitigate the suffering of those who came to them for help. Do you want to know what a medieval alchemist might have had in store for your toothache?



Come and marvel at the multiple solutions nature has found to shape the teeth of elephants, hippopotamuses, monkeys or sharks - compared to human denture. We especially welcome children and adolescents in our museum:

Kids, come to learn with us how to take care of your teeth correctly so that they stay save and healthy!



Opening hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Guided tours by personal arrangement

Ticket prices:

Adults: 4 €
Students: 2 €
Children below the age of 15: free

Guided tour: 4 € /per Person
Guided tour for children: 20 € /per group

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