Mouthwash link with cancer

Dr Gregory, a former dental public health consultant for NHS Fife, is a fellow of the Faculty of Public Health, Royal College of Physicians and a member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Dr Gregory said: ‘I am tremendously excited by this award. It is always a great privilege to be recognised for the work that you do and this is a really fitting end to a wonderful few months.’

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Dr Pahary is a member of the General Dental Council’s Fitness to Practice Panel. He became a principal in 1988 and now works between three NHS practices. He is a part-time dental adviser to two primary care trusts.

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