Clinical photography course

The learning resources provider, Smile-on, is now offering dental practices training in how to take high-quality clinical photographs.

Its Clinical Photography Course by Chris Orr, is available on-line or as a CD-ROM, so it can be easily incorporated into and around the working day. The course introduces the role of clinical photography in effective risk management and explores straightforward solutions to treatment monitoring and how to benefit from robust medico-legal protection.

It provides two hours of Continuing Professional Development and shows dental professionals how to keep patients fully informed using high-quality images, and how to support comprehensive clinical audits. The course explores how to get great image results, focusing on eight key clinical areas, and participants receive non-obligatory advice on digital cameras and the latest in digital imaging.

A spokeswoman for Smile-on said: ‘With excellent clinical photography skills, participants will be able to accurately record treatment progress and development, create ‘baseline’ records of pre-sentence conditions, enjoy a higher standard of referral correspondence and use the images to support professional development.’

GDC issues botox warning

The General Dental Council is urging dental professionals to think very carefully before carrying out non-surgical cosmetic procedures such as Botox.

Its new guidelines are the result of a public consultation on the scope of practice of the dental team in 2008.

It sought views on what different groups of professionals could do as part of their work and what would be valid additions to conventional dentistry.

Its guidelines now state: ‘Registrants choosing to offer Botox or other non-surgical cosmetic procedures should note that the General Dental Council (GDC) expects the same high standards of them, whatever the type of treatment they are carrying out.

In particular, they are advised to work within their knowledge and professional competence and be prepared to back up the decisions they make. Careful thought also needs to be given to maintaining professional standards in relation to advertising these services, and to the need to be indemnified.’

A spokeswoman for Smile-on said: ‘From a Medico-Legal perspective, the guidance is in line with the latest developments in clinical photography, ensuring that practitioners know how to record treatment in the most cutting-edge thinking.’

Edward Lynch and Wyman Chan will head up the demonstration at the live demonstration on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th May at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent’s Park, London.

For more information, and to book your place, call 020 7400 8989, email info@smile-on.com or go to www.smile-on.com

New dean for FGDP

Mr Ladwa wants to continue the Faculty’s work to improve standards of patient care through education and training of the whole dental team.

He said: ‘I am honoured to be called upon to serve this Faculty which has done so much to raise the profile of general practice and to serve the profession that has so kindly me.’

Mr Ladwa has been involved with the Faculty of General Dental Practice (FGDP(UK)) since its early days and became a board member in 1994. In the intervening years, he has taken on the roles of examiner and assessor of several of the FGDP(UK)’s examinations, and has been a visiting examiner and assessor of postgraduate diplomas, and acted as deputy director of the Leadership and Management Certificate programme.

Mr Ladwa has twice been vice dean and has chaired the FGDP(UK)’s examinations and education committees, and its international working party.

Richard Hayward said: ‘Russ brings a wealth of experience and a depth of knowledge to this role. He is dedicated to the FGDP(UK)’s mission and I wish him well for the next three years.’

Mr Ladwa will be supported by vice deans Vernon Holt and Charles Ormond.

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