Step by step treatment planning

T
he entire process of treatment planning for aes-
thetic dentistry is to be showcased at this year's Clinical
Innovations Conference. The conference, which is in its sixth
year, takes place on 15-16 May at the Royal College of Physic-
sians, in Regent's Park, London.

The much sought after speaker, Dr Ian Buckle, will be lecturing on 'Aesthetic Dentistry From Start To Finish'. The lecture will cover the entire process of treatment planning to ensure that patients have a great experience, with excellent results. Dr Buckle will lead delegates through a step-by-step guide to treatment planning, through a comprehen-
sive and straightforward 'treatment planning matrix'.

Dr Buckle will demonstrate in his lecture how accurate and complete diagnosis, treatment planning and case presentation requires a high level of clinical expertise and customer care. The lecture will show how this 'treatment planning matrix' effectively incorporates the whole field of modern aesthetic dentistry, in-
cluding a study of occlusion to promote optimum patient well-
being. Treatment options will in-
tegrate restorative and orthodon-
tic treatments, so that dentist and patient can find the most suitable and effective solution.

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London this month.

Learning resource provider, Smile-on, has joined forces
with Dental Protection Lim-
ited and is launching three new modules for its Commu-
nication in Dentistry pro-
gramme.

Modules 4 to 6 of Communication in Dentistry will be launched later in the year.

Module 4 will look at complaint handling and dealing with difficult patients.

Module 5 will explore com-
sent and communicating choices and module 6 will look at record-
ing communications.

These modules, which sup-
port a flexible approach to learn-
ing, can be taken separately or to-
gether, to suit individual require-
ments. Focusing on the key areas in which effective and reliable lines of communication are ab-
solutely vital, these three mod-
ules will help the practice con-
tinue to develop working sys-
tems to help practices enjoy a greater success and safeguard themselves from legal action.'

For more information please call Smile-on on 020 7400 8989, email info@smile-on.com or visit www.clinicalinnovations.co.uk

Three new modules join the pack

‘Extraction film’ on the short-list

A film, which helps prepare dental hygiene and dental therapy students, for the procedure of teeth extraction in young children, has been short-
listed for an award.

The film, which was pro-
duced by the University of Portsmouth eLearning team in partnership with Hampshire Pri-
mary Care Trust, has been short-
listed for an award at the Learn-
ing on Screen Awards.

It was made because stu-
dents are often anxious before their placements in paediatric day surgery. The film shows in
detail, the whole procedure of teeth ex-
traction in 2008, a total of 846 of these were children. The aim of the film, Dental Aesthetics in
Portsmouth: A Preventable Ex-
prience, is to prepare students for their placements, but the un-
derlying message explains how surgery can be prevented if chil-
dren and parents are better edu-
cated about dental care. The University of Portsmouth has al-
ready taken big steps to improve dental health in the city.

It is home to The School of Professionals Complementary to Dentistry (SPCD) – the first of its kind in the country, which has developed courses to address skills shortage in the professions complementary to dentistry.

The Learning on Screen Awards, organised by the British Universities Film and Video Council (BUPVC), celebrate and reward excellence in the use of moving image, sound and re-
lated media in learning, teach-
ing and research.

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GDPUK round-up

February was the busiest month ever on GDPUK with more than 1.1 million pages generated by thousands of visitors.

Even after so many years of running the site, there are always differing topics that people find to raise, discuss and have diametrically opposite views. One example was when one colleague, well past retirement age, posted some clinical photos showing how he had helped an elderly patient, and how satisfying it was to do so. He was pleased he hadn’t ceased work. Another thread was started by a dentist of a similar age, who had been to a CPD lecture about the oncoming changes in cross-infection control guidelines, and was pleased he did not have to deal with all the issues thrown up by the presentation just heard. We probably all know colleagues who have retired early, and similarly there are some dentists who keep on working through their seventies and even into their eighties.

Other topics which might interest the Tribune reader: How much do you pay your therapist? How do you get your dental chair vinyl repaired, as well as personal development plans.

Two particularly entertaining topics attracted many repeated visits, and hundreds of replies. The first post concerned a frustrated dentist who was ready to ‘punch a patient’. He mentioned the two phrases that patients use that drive us all mad: ‘I hate needles’ and ‘with those prices, I must be paying for your next holiday’. This led to replies on how to deal with them with some hatred, clichéd phrases.

The second topic started with a post about great names.

A recent BBC article talked about a dentist in the USA called Les Plack. In response, dentists recalled Mr Payne, and one wag told us about his friend Andrew Peacock whose name was often shortened to other versions!

Another favourite dentist name was ‘Phil Hollows’, and in addition, one poster named his friend Christopher Peter Bacon, known for short as Chris P Bacon.

Dr Anthony V Jacobs started the GDPUK emailing list in 1997, and the group membership is now just under 2,000. The list is read in all corners of the UK dental profession as well as by laboratories, and the trade and dental industry. Qualifying in London in 1979, Dr Jacobs is now in partnership with Dr Stephen Lazarus, practicing at 406 Dental in Manchester. He enjoys his profession, and takes pride in providing both simple and complex gentle dentistry, as well as caring for families in a relaxed atmosphere. Dr Jacobs has a long-term commitment to continuing professional development, both for himself, and for the profession in general through his mailing list. He has been a member of the British Dental Association (BDA) since 1975, and is presently chairman of the Bury and Rochdale Oral Health Advisory Group, as well as vice chair of the Bury and Rochdale Local Dental Committee (LDC). Dr Jacobs also sits on the committee and helps to organise the annual conference of Local Dental Committees.