Swine flu guidelines

Dentists in Wales have been issued guidelines from the Welsh Assembly on how to provide dental care to patients in the case of a swine flu pandemic. The guidelines, released by the Wales Health Protection Team, give advice on how to manage the outbreak of swine flu.

Patients are advised to attend dental practices in the usual manner, but to ensure they are well placed in the case of an outbreak. Dentists are advised to screen for symptoms of swine flu before entering the practice and before they enter the waiting room or clinical area.

InSafe award

The InSafe Needlestick Protection System has won the Product Innovation of the Year Award at the Dental Awards ceremony, held at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London. Judges were impressed by the comprehensive development programme behind the system, which makes it the first complete solution to the problem of needlestick injuries in dentistry.

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Decisions, decisions

So you’ve done all the hard work in building up a pension pot, but do you have the number of Units of Dental Activity. The guidance recommends that contractual payments continue without any penalties if providers have done everything within their powers to comply.