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.

Dentists are advised to contact patients at least 24 hours before their appointment to make sure they are symptom free. The guidelines also suggest that when facilities exist, all patients should be actively screened for symptoms of influenza on entry to the practice and before they enter the waiting room or clinical area. Patients may defer routine dental care until after the pandemic.

Good general hygiene measures will be of prime importance in containing the infection. The DH recommends that contractual payments continue with no penalties if providers have done everything within their powers to comply.

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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 made it the first complete solution to the problem of needlestick injuries in dentistry.

Smile campaign

National Smile Month is back, and it’s bigger and better than ever with brushathons and competitions running on both sides of the Atlantic.

Cancer walk

The Mouth Cancer Foundation is calling on people to take part in a giant sponsored walk to raise much needed awareness of mouth cancer.

Decisions, decisions

So you’ve done all the hard work in building up a pension pot, but converting this to income will be a crucial financial-planning decision.

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