‘Surprisingly relaxing experience!’

Dental Tribune speaks with Baldeesh Chana about her upcoming webinar

The latest series of webinars to be broadcast by Smile- Lab in association with Dentsply Academy begins this month, kicking off on the evening of September 27th with Baldeesh Chana and Sarah Murray discussing Root Surface Debridement - mechanical instruments versus ultrasonic.

Bal and Sarah are no stranger to the webinar format, having presented a lecture in last year’s Dentsply series. This year the duo are looking to give an overview of available instruments for root surface debridement and to evaluate the efficiency of these methods. Bal explains: “We’re really looking forward to presenting another webinar, this time reviewing the evidence available for different methods of debridement and techniques which can be used.”

The CVs of both speakers is very distinguished. Sarah is duly qualified as a Hygienist and a Therapist and comes from a clinical and educational background. She also graduated with a Masters Degree in Primary Health & Community Care from the University of Westminster in 1997. She currently teaches students studying to become dental hygienists and therapists both at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry and the University of Essex. She was awarded the title Hygienist of the Year in 2007.

Bal qualified in 1992 at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry formally known as The London Hospital, where she is now Deputy Principal Hygiene/Therapy Tutor. She also works part time in a general dental practice. She is currently Chair of The British Association of Dental Therapists, and represents BADT on a number of boards. She is also a DCP Inspector for the General Dental Council inspecting DCP training courses. Bal was recipient of the Dental Therapist of the Year award in 2006.

Their experience as lecturers has definitely helped them to adapt to the format of the webinar, as Bal explains: “When we first did the webinar last year we were both very apprehensive, but it was a surprisingly relaxing and enjoyable experience! The technical team were great and it didn’t feel strange presenting to only a webcam because of the interactivity of the delegates writing questions in to us and being able to see them on screen.

“I think what also helped is the format we chose to do the presentation in. Working as a pair was really nice as it helped to break up the lecture and it gave us both a chance to spend time reading the questions and comments coming in as the other continued with their part of the presentation. We hope this year to deliver our webinar in a similar way.”

So who does Bal think will benefit most from their presentation this month? “It’s really a subject that the whole team could benefit from, but we expect that many of the delegates will be dentists, hygienists and therapists. Last time we were surprised at how many dentists had signed up, and I feel that dentists would be the ones to benefit most as this subject is not one they would have covered in depth before. Hygienists and therapists will have covered this in their training, and this presentation will help to give an update in that knowledge.”

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