The annual Dental Nursing Conference will be held at the Blackpool Hilton on Friday October 31 and Saturday November 1, and this year sees some changes in the conference format. Mostly notably, we’ve decided to hold an informal Halloween Dinner (fancy dress optional), instead of the black tie Presidential Dinner held in previous years. The menu will also be slightly different, too, serving such delicacies as Witches’ Broth, Creepy Chicken and Frankenstein... as Creepy Chocolate Mouse as Mouth Cancer – the dental nurses’ role, both sponsored by Philips Oral Healthcare.

Delegates have a choice of two presentations in each time slot and full attendance at conference will give eight hours verifiable CPD.

The exam revision day is facilitated by DN Training? Solutions! and is open to all student dental nurses sitting the National in November this year or next May. Due to Dentisply’s sponsorship, the price has been reduced to £40 and there are still a few places left, so if you would like to attend, contact me at conference@badn.org.uk as soon as possible.

• How to use nutrition to keep yourself healthy by renowned author Dr Marilyn Glenville, sponsored by Molar Ltd
• Occupational dermatitis by the Health and Safety Executive and employment law by Peninsula

Don’t forget the two perennial category dental nurse favourites:

• Forensic dentistry and forensics
• Dental public health

Our second innovation is the new conference registration site, provided through CVENT and sponsored by Schulke, where delegates can choose which presentations they want to attend in advance. The conference programme itself covers a wide variety of subjects, which cover the subject of CPD itself:

• Professional Portfolio Development by BADN
• CPD by Stephen Hancocks, sponsored by P&G Oral Healthcare
• Revalidation by the GDC

Core CPD subjects:

• Decontamination, sponsored by K来看ndent
• Cross Infection by Dentisply

Advice on how to rise to the challenge of being a registered professional.

• Keynote speaker Duncan Rudkin of the GDC on professionalism in practice
• Professional indemnity by WR Berkley
• Professional governance (whistleblowing) by the NCAS
• Safeguarding (child protection) by Blackpool PCT’s named nurse for child protection

Look at possible future roles for dental nurses with:

• Dental nursing in the British Army by the RADC
• Dental public health
• Sleep apnoea screening – a role for dental nurses, sponsored by Healthcare Marketing

There will also be presentations, which focus on looking after yourself:

• Mouth cancer – the dental nurses’ role, both sponsored by Philips Oral Healthcare.

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