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Hospital, Dr P Fleming from Royal London Hospital and Dr E A Al Maatiah from Liverpool gave very respected and demonstrative speeches.

Speeches concluded with an ever memorable and entertaining song from the BOS Conference Chair Nigel Fox, to whom everyone was very grateful for the hard work and excellent organisation that he and the whole BOS conference team has put into each ever successful conference.

Txt 2 Remind Ur Patients

The problems of missed appointments are all too apparent for both private and NHS dental practices, in fact recent research of NHS practices shows that an average of 11% of appointments are missed.

The National Kidney Federation has put forward a campaign regarding the importance of not missing appointments.

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Dental News

Revolutionary 3D Anatomy for the Dental Professional from Primal Pictures

3D Head & Neck Anatomy for Dentistry is a stunning new anatomy resource for dentists in training and practice. It provides an encyclopedic image library and reference to enhance consultations, presentations, teaching and study.

This revolutionary software allows you to view clear, detailed and accurate 3D model of key anatomy for dentistry. Choose from more than 180 3D views including detailed images of the head, neck, face, oral and nasal cavities, dentition, individual teeth in 3D and cross section, nerves, larynx and pharynx, sinuses, eye and brain.

The DVD features specialised clinical text and content, including 3D views of progressive dental conditions such as cartes and gingivitis and detailed and interactive 3D nerve views of intraoral injections.

A single user licence DVD: 

- Bovis costs just £180 excluding VAT.
- To view a demo and online evaluation, please visit www.anatomy.tv. For further information, please visit www. primalpictures.com or call Catriona Kerr on 020 7507 6485.

Save money with Tax Investigation Cost Protection

The experts at Professional Fee Protection Ltd (PFP) understand how HM Revenue & Customs operate and how, with random case selection, no dentist is safe from investigation.

Any contribution to the Bridge2Aid fund is very welcome as this project will make a huge difference to the lives of the Tanzanians at Bukumbi.

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Dentists are not always aware of just what an investigation can entail. In one case, a dentist with a practice boasting a £1,000,000 turnover was given just 53 days to produce all relevant documentation. The process lasted 14 months, and cost more than £30,000 in fees.

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