

The BDJ News section accepts items that include general news, latest research and diary events that interest our readers. Press releases or articles may be edited, and should include a colour photograph if possible. Please direct your correspondence to the News Editor, Arveen Bajaj at the BDJ, 64 Wimpole Street WIG 8YS or by email to bdj@bda.org

New legislation for unlicensed medicine

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), has introduced legislation designed to minimise the risk of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE). The legislation works by prohibiting the supply of certain unlicensed medicines unless they have been manufactured in accordance with the 'Notes for Guidance on Minimising the Risk of Transmitting Animal Spongiform Encephalopathy Agents via Medicinal Products' as published and updated by the European Commission.

The regulation of certain unlicensed medicines for human use is needed in order to minimise the risk of the transmission of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE) via those products.

The legislation, 'The Unlicensed Medicinal Products for Human Use (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies) (Safety) Regulations (S.I. 2003/1680)', came into force on 30 July 2003. Dentists who specially prepare medicines in the course of their business are not exempt and are required to comply with the Regulations. The Regulations, which also contain a procedure to determine compliance and a requirement for a designated record-keeper to keep evidence of compliance, affect all manufacturers and importers/exporters of certain unlicensed medicinal products.

To help with this requirement the MHRA has produced interim guidance on the Regulations which is available from the MHRA website: <http://medicines.mhra.gov.uk/ourwork/licensingmeds/exemptions/tseinterimguide.pdf>.

Dentists, particularly those who prepare medicines, that have a query relating to this matter should contact the Inspection and Enforcement Policy Unit at MHRA, which is responsible for the Regulations on 020 7084 2131 or 020 7084 2573 for further advice. A copy of S.I. 2003/1680 can be obtained free of charge from www.hmso.gov.uk/stat.htm or from The Stationery Office (ISBN 0-11-046735-3) price £2.00.

Dentaid in Great North Run



A large Dentaid tooth was just one of the 47,000 participants in this year's Great North Run, the world's largest half-marathon. Chief Executive Luke Wordley and Dentaid supporter Jon Beisly carried the massive molar the full 13.1 miles from Gateshead to South Shields. Sharing the load, the pair took just over two and a half hours to run their way to the finish. The first Dentaid runner to complete the run was Elizabeth Athey, a dentist from Lymm in Cheshire, completing the course in 1 hour 37 minutes. Dentaid turned out their largest team to date; 23 runners from all over the country trained hard for the event, and raised an estimated £5000 for oral health in the developing world. Dentaid has guaranteed places for next year's Great North Run. For more information visit www.dentaid.org.

GDC restoration and registration

The GDC expects to answer over 5,000 telephone enquiries about the Annual Retention Fee for 2004 and process 6,000 changes to register details during the beginning of this year. The team will process over 35,000 payments (generating over £12 million income). The fee must be paid on or before 9 February 2004.

According to the GDC, the new registration and restoration application forms which came into use on 1 January 2004 introduce an improved and standardised approach to registration, and a more robust system of medical checks and character testimonies. Work is continuing on improving the content of the registration pages on the GDC website. It is hoped that a more extensive and informative section will be added to the website early in the new year.

From January 2004 onwards, applicants for restoration to the register will be required to show evidence of CPD compliance in order to restore to the register. A consolidated set of CPD rules which show the requirements which dentists and the registrar must meet under the CPD scheme came into effect on 1 January 2004. A further set of rules, governing the procedure for the CPD Committee also came into effect on 1 January 2004. Both sets of rules are on the GDC website.

The Council has been continuing its work to develop a system for revalidating members of the dental team and a Revalidation Consultation Forum has been established. Revalidation will require all registrants to demonstrate on a periodic basis that they remain fit for continued registration.

DIARY

February 2004

Preparing for retirement

Date: 06.02.04

Venue: British Dental Association
Lecture Theatre, London

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March 2004

UAE International Dental Conference and
Arab Dental Exhibition-AEEDC 2004

Date: 02-04.03.04

Venue: Dubai International Exhibition
Centre

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Craniocfacial Society of Great Britain &
Ireland Annual Meeting

Date: 31.03.04 - 02.04.04

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May 2004

British Dental Conference and Exhibition

Date: 06.05.04 - 08-05.04

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The car's the star



Dr. James Hull, CEO of James Hull & Associates recently won the Champion of Champions award at the International Classic Car Show with his black Jaguar XK140 OTS (Roadster).

A collector of classic cars, Dr. Hull lovingly restored it back to its original condition as it left the factory floor

some 50 years ago, which took over four years. He has been the only collector to successfully qualify for the final with a Jaguar XK 120, 140 and 150. Dr. Hull has not only been competing with his cars, he has also been using them to raise money for the Lady Taverners charity.

New year honours announced

The following have been honoured in the Queen's New Year Honours list. A full report will follow in a later issue of the *BDJ*.

OBE

Stella Kwan, hygienist. Member of Standing Dental Advisory Committee SDAC. For services to dentistry (Leeds).

Linda Shaw, senior lecturer and Head of Unit Paediatric Dentistry, Unit of Oral Biology, The University of Birmingham Dental School. For services to paediatric dentistry.

MBE

John Beal, consultant, dental public health.

For services to dental public health in West Yorkshire.

Others awards included:

Joan Harbison, Chief Commissioner, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, awarded a DBE for services to equal opportunities, also lay member of GDC.

Rabbi Julia Neuberger, Chief Executive, King's Fund, was also awarded a DBE for services to the NHS and other public bodies.

An OBE was awarded to Ms. Heather Rogers, Senior Civil Servant Department of Health.

John Humphreys, who is acting Head of Industrial Relations at the RCN was awarded an OBE.

Practice wins growth award



Barbican Dental Care has become the first dental practice to win the Growth Business category at the East London and Essex Business Awards. The Growth Business Award was sponsored by Business Link for London and judges wanted to see growth in the competitive marketplace. They looked at plans and targets, both past and future and the activities undertaken to achieve growth. The awards were presented at The Britannia International Hotel, Docklands, London where over 400 guests attended.

Award winning paper



Lieutenant Colonel Neil MacKenzie of the Royal Army Dental Corps (pictured), was awarded the first prize plate for his paper entitled 'Recurrent neck node metastases to the posterior triangle' at the Armed Forces Oral and Maxillofacial Tri-service Annual Conference.

The event was held in Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire and a panel of civilian consultants from the nearby Middlesborough Hospital judged the academic section.

Dental hospital celebrates Golden Jubilee

The Charles Clifford Dental Hospital (CCDH) in Sheffield recently celebrated its golden jubilee following 50 years of providing dental services to the people of Sheffield.

Officially opened in 1953 by Her Grace The Duchess of Gloucester, it was founded by Colonel Sir Charles Clifford, Commander of the Sheffield Territorial Artillery and the 126 Brigade Army field Artillery.

In 1935, on learning of the need for new accommodation for the Sheffield Dental Hospital and School, he donated land and the sum of £7,800 for equipment. Sir



Captain H Murray Clifford, grandson of Sir Charles, unveiling a painting by Joe Scarborough depicting the history of the CCDH.

Charles died in 1936 leaving the University £78,000 before the plans for the hospital were finalised. Delayed by the Second World War the foundation stone was finally laid on the 12th of September 1951 by the Minister of Health Hilary A Marquand MADSc. MP. Alumni and former staff toured the hospital, a balloon race raised funds for the Meningitis Trust and staff and guests attended a Service of Thanksgiving.