## Author Q&A: Andrew Eder



*Tooth wear: an authoritative reference for dental professionals and students* was published in 2022 and reviewed in the *BDJ* in December.<sup>1</sup>

For this Tooth Wear themed issue of the *BDJ*, we spoke to Professor Andrew Eder (pictured), who edited the book with Dr Maurice Faigenblum.

#### Why should people read this book?

**Andrew:** The UK data from 2009 suggests that over 75% of adults and half of children show signs of tooth wear. So, the majority of patients we see in practice on a daily basis will have tooth wear. Early identification is essential and making patients aware of preventive strategies is critical to avoiding significant problems later in life.

#### Who is it aimed at?

**Andrew:** As with the previous editions, this latest third edition is aimed at all dental professionals and students. This essential clinical guide will meet the needs of all those involved in oral healthcare.

### Did you enjoy editing it?

**Andrew:** It was great fun to work with my close friend, colleague and co-editor, Dr Maurice Faigenblum. We wrote some chapters by way of scene-setting and blue-sky thinking and we also brought together the thoughts of more than 30 leading clinicians and researchers in the field of tooth wear from across Europe.

#### What made you write/edit it?

Andrew: This latest edition has been 27 years in the planning! Following on from a successful series of Alpha Omega evening lectures on tooth wear in 1995–1996, the speakers were invited to prepare articles based on these lectures which were published as a themed series in the *BDJ* and subsequently brought together into two editions of *Tooth surface loss* – the first edition was published in 2000 and a second edition in 2008. Previous editions have been out of print for almost ten years and I was really keen to produce this extensively revised third edition as an authoritative reference on tooth wear and its management with a focus on latest thinking and available data.

#### What are the key issues in this area?

**Andrew:** Tooth wear is becoming an increasing problem as we are living longer and keeping our teeth longer. This latest edition focuses on the key issues and helps our colleagues by describing practical clinical techniques that will assist in the identification of the aetiological factors responsible for erosion, attrition and abrasion and by offering guidance in the planning and delivery of appropriate patient care.

#### Any advice for future authors of BDJ Clinician's Guides?

**Andrew:** These challenges are always a labour of love and it will always take longer than you think! For us, it took just under five years from getting the go-ahead to holding the hard copy in my hands (with COVID in between!) and I am incredibly grateful to my family, Maurice and all the contributors as well as to everyone at the *BDJ* and the publishers, Springer Nature. Without my superb support network and these amazing colleagues, it would never have happened and, ultimately, we all hope our patients will benefit.

To purchase a copy of the book, visit: https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-86110-0.

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