

FACIAL PAIN IMAGE WINS FIRST PRIZE

An image created for a project designed to assist patient-professional communication about facial pain has won first prize in an art competition held at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the British Pain Society.

The image was created by Deborah Padfield, University College London Hospitals' (UCLH) artist-in-residence and PhD student at the UCL Slade School,

for the face2face project. The project is the result of collaboration between Ms Padfield and Professor Joanna Zakrzewska and facial and pain management patients and clinicians at UCLH Trust. Clinical health psychologist Dr Amanda C de C Williams provides psychological supervision.

face2face explores the influence that visual images can have on pain dialogue during medical consultations. Methods include co-creating images with patients, developing and using pain cards as a communication tool, running art workshops for patients and clinicians (in association with the National Portrait Gallery) and the creation of a film giving insight into having and treating facial pain.

So far, face2face has recruited 141 participants, brought the exhibition to 14,000 people and engaged 225 participants in discussion at events. The project aims to use the power of images to raise awareness of facial pain and its impact on people's lives.



NEW MEDIA

- The Commonwealth Dental Association (CDA) has announced the launch of a new website and a regular newsletter. The first edition of *CDA News* focuses on the CDA's new communications approach and carries an announcement of the Association's Triennial Meeting, to be held in Cape Town in November 2012. It also presents a report from its most recent workshop in Kuching, Malaysia. www.comdental.org
- A new website about trigeminal nerve injuries for patients and clinicians has been developed by the Trigeminal Foundation, led by Professor Tara Renton. The Trigeminal Foundation aims to reduce the incidence of nerve injuries by highlighting the issue and by providing better education for clinicians, both qualified and in training. It also aims to provide reliable evidence-based information to educate patients on how best to cope and manage their nerve injuries. www.trigeminalnerve.org.uk

MO HAS A GOLD MEDAL SMILE

Before this summer's Olympic Games had even begun, distance runner Mo Farah had already notched up his first victory with the title of 'Best Smile'.

The British Dental Health Foundation asked more than 500 people which of Great Britain's Olympians had the most striking smile. Mo received almost a third of the votes, ahead of heptathlete Jessica Ennis (25% of the votes) then diver Tom Daley (20%).

A previous survey by the Foundation found that almost 70% of the public think those with a good smile have a greater chance of success.

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON CARIES?

Have you ever spent extra time giving oral health advice to a patient? Fallen behind on your schedule after struggling to get radiographs for a reluctant child? Been frustrated by time or financial constraints limiting your ability to provide preventive care? If the answer is yes, Dr Anna Templeton wants to hear from you.

In collaboration with Childsmile and the Universities of Aberdeen, Dundee and Glasgow, the Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme (SDCEP) is conducting a mixed-methods study to explore the patient, organisation, and system level barriers and facilitators to the prevention and management of caries in general dental practice.

The Prevention and Management of Caries (PMC) is the first study in Scotland to robustly examine caries prevention and management in primary care from multiple perspectives – practitioners, patients, and policy makers. The PMC study will be gathering information from postal surveys, routinely collected data, practice visits, interviews with general dental practitioners (GDPs) and dental care professionals

(DCPs), patient focus groups, and discussions with policy makers. The breadth and depth of this information will serve to create a more nuanced and integrated understanding of caries prevention and management that enables key stakeholder groups to identify promising strategies to support best practice in future.

'PMC is a unique opportunity to feed crucially important practical experience from primary care into this research,' said Dr Templeton, SDCEP-TRiaDS Research Fellow. 'We know your time is limited and practice is busy – which are two of the factors why this study is so important to understand how to improve the efficiency

of providing quality care. If you receive a survey, we sincerely hope you will be able to contribute your insight and expertise to an improved understanding of primary care delivery.'

For more information, email triads@nes.scot.nhs.uk.

