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Natural Restorations Using Composite Resin (BACD)

Date: 15 March 2013
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BLOS Spring Conference

Date: 16 March 2013
Venue: Four Seasons, Canary Wharf
www.blos.co.uk

Denplan NHS Viewpoint Seminars

Date and venue:
20 March 2013,
Hilton Dartford Bridge, Dartford
25 March 2013,
Thorpe Park Hotel, Leeds
26 March 2013,
Kilworth House Hotel, Leics
16 April 2013, Village Hotel, Cardiff
17 April 2013, Holiday Inn,
Basingstoke
30 April 2013, Copthorne Hotel,
Manchester
1 May 2013, Newcastle Marriott
Metrocentre, Gateshead
Email: eventsandtraining@denplan.co.uk
www.nhsviewpoint.co.uk

Contemporary Oral Medicine: An interactive workshop on evidence-based management

Date: 23 March 2013
Venue: Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London
Telephone: 020 7290 3948
www.rsm.ac.uk/academ/odd08.php

Dental Erosion: Restorative Management of the Worn Dentition

Date: 22 March 2013
Location: Chandos House, London
www.sheppersoneducation.com/London.html

The Dental Therapist: free lecture

Dates and venues:
8 April 2013, 5.45-7.45 pm,
Henry Schein Showroom, Birstall, Leeds
15 April 2013, 5.45-7.45 pm,
Henry Schein Showroom, Cardiff
18 April 2013, 6-8 pm,
Henry Schein Showroom,
Marble Arch, London
Email: info@dentaltherapistsrock.co.uk
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British Dental Conference & Exhibition 2013

Date: 25-27 April 2013
Venue: ExCel London
www.bda.org/conference

TEETH FOUND IN 1,600-YEAR-OLD TUMOUR

Researchers in Barcelona have found the first ancient remains of a calcified ovarian teratoma containing four teeth and a small piece of bone, in the pelvis of a skeleton of a woman from the Roman era.¹

Teratomas are usually benign and contain remains of organic material such as hair, teeth, bones and other tissues. The find by the researchers from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona confirms the presence in antiquity of this type of tumour.



Macroscopic view of the ovarian teratoma, with two teeth adhering to the inner surface

The tumour was found in the right hand part of the pelvis of a woman of between 30 and 40 years of age and who lived around 1,600 years ago. Her skeleton was recovered with 86 others in a Roman cemetery in the archaeological site of La Fogonussa, Lleida, in North-Eastern Spain. The woman's skeleton was complete and well-preserved, buried in a tile grave.

Teratomas are asymptomatic in 60% of cases. In the case of the Roman woman, the researchers do not discount the possibility that the tumour caused her death. It is also possible that she lived all her life with the calcified tumour with no further complications.

1. Armentano N, Subirana M, Isidro A, Escala O, Malgosa A. An ovarian teratoma of late Roman age. *Int J Paleopathol* 2012; 2: 236-239. www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1879981712000848

WARNING ON TOOTH WHITENING REGULATION BREACHES

The new regulations on tooth whitening bring heavy penalties for those who breach the conditions which accompany them, warns Head of Healthcare Regulatory Andrea James of George Davies Solicitors.

If you breach the new law, which came in on 31 October 2012 in response to an EU directive on consumer safety, the maximum penalty is six months imprisonment and/or a fine of up to £5,000. Trading Standards Officers can legally enter and inspect a dental practice at any time to see if a breach has occurred. In addition, the General Dental Council (GDC) will consider fitness to practise proceedings separate to any criminal proceedings against any dental practitioner involved in breaching the regulations.

LONDON DENTAL PATIENTS CONFUSED AND WARY

According to a nationally representative sample of 2,041 adults, dental patients in London are more confused about pricing and the options available to them than patients in any other region. The study, conducted by ICM Research in April 2012, also showed that Londoners are less trusting of their dentists.

Table 1 shows the proportion of patients that agree to statements about their dentists in London *versus* the rest of Great Britain.

Table 1 Dental patient views

PATIENTS' VIEW OF THEIR DENTISTS	PROPORTION OF GB POPULATION THAT AGREES	PROPORTION OF LONDONERS THAT AGREE
Pricing is very clear in my practice	52%	46%
I feel that my dentist is very honest and trustworthy	70%	63%
My dentist listens to me, and gives me options in my dental care	71%	68%
Agrees to at least one of the statements above	81%	77%