

The BDJ news page

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Brushtox aid to Kosovo

Sixty eight thousand bottles of the original formulation of Brushtox Antiseptic have been donated to the Red Cross by Dentox Ltd and will be taken to Kosovo by doctors setting up field hospitals in the Macedonian refugee camps.



Above: Dr Peter R. Neal, Chairman, seeing off the consignment to the Red Cross.

Mary Neal, Managing Director of Dentox Ltd, said 'We had re-formulated Brushtox toothbrush antiseptic and had a large quantity of the previous formulation in the warehouse. Being 70% surgical spirit it makes an excellent all-round medical disinfectant'.

DDU study

In the latest edition of *The Journal of the Dental Defence Union*, a survey of complaints reported to the DDU between 1996 and 1998 shows that 20% of complaints made against dentists under the age of 30 relate to endodontic treatment. This compares with only 11% of complaints against dentists in this age group relating to root canal treatment for dentists of all ages.

The study also found that 18% of complaints against dentists in this age group arose from restorative treatment and 15% from exodontia.

Symposium in honour of Sir David Mason



Above: A symposium was held on Friday 29th January 1999 in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in honour of Professor Sir David Mason. Back Row: Dr J Rennie, Dr B McCartan, Professor G MacDonald, Professor P-J Lamey, Professor W McFarlane, Dr J Gibson, Professor D Wray, Professor C Scully Professor D Chisholm, Professor S Prime. Front row: Professor R A Cawson, Dr J Beeley, Professor Sir David Mason, Mr R T Reed, Dame M Steward, Professor K Stephen.

Smiles and away the best launch ever

The launch of National Smile Week in London's Regent's Park was organised by sonic toothbrush manufacturer Sonicare.

It started with an early morning appearance on Sky News by Dr Edward Lynch of the Royal London hospital, continuing with Capital, Capital Gold and Virgin radio stations heralding the launch in their news bulletins. Meanwhile, various BDHF-selected dentists informed listeners about the need for good oral health over the air waves.



Above: Diane Louise Jordan using a giant sonicare to clean the teeth of the 'Boy without a bow' in Regent's Park.

Election of President

At its meeting on 10 May 1999, the General Dental Council elected Professor Nairn Wilson to be its next President.

The five year term of office of the current president, Dame Margaret Seward, comes to an end on 30 September 1999.

Professor Wilson is currently Professor of Restorative Dentistry, Head of Operative Dentistry and Endodontology and Pro-Vice Chancellor at the University of Manchester.



Sick Dentist Scheme
0171 487 3119

Do you have a problem with alcohol or drug dependence? Do you know someone who does?

In either case help is available: phone the number above in total confidence.

BDA Dental Support Line
0870 6020413

The BDA has set up a confidential support line offering counselling and advice from an independent counsellor and former dentist to dental students, dental staff, dentists and their families.

Lines are open from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Tuesdays and from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursdays. An answer service is available at other times and the line is monitored daily.

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Looks fine Microbrush

Microbrush Corporation announces that their new Microbrush Plus applicators are now available in either regular size for normal use, or fine size for more precise application of material.

Both applicator sizes come with a patented, bending shaft and the Microbrush Plus handle is 5 1/2 inch longer and thicker for better control when wearing rubber gloves.



Applicators are made with small, non-linting, non-absorbent fibres and the solution is held in suspension between the fibres creating a non-dripping sphere that stays in place, even when held upside down. Solutions can be placed as small as 1/8 of a drop exactly where needed.

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Gloss it over

One Gloss from Shofu Dental products Ltd is a one-step finisher and polisher which can be used with all composites by altering the contact pressure on the restoration.

One Gloss can be used in all areas. These are accommodated by three shapes which easily snap-on to the One Gloss mandrel — Cup, Inverted cone and Midpoint — fulfilling almost every clinical situation. Additionally, One Gloss is



Splash out with Panadent

Left: Panadent announce their summer promotion which runs from 1 June to 31 August 1999 featuring heritage branded products with free stock bonuses. Each offer is presented with a Splash Bombs baseball game and an opportunity to gain a figure-of-eight shape fun pool which is 90 x 60 x 18 inches and has a comfortable inflatable floor.

The fun pool and Splash games may be obtained by making a purchase choice from three selection packs from the summer offers.

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available in a mounted Mini-point for more difficult to reach areas.

One Gloss can be used in various clinical situations and is ideal for the finishing and polishing of composite restorations, will remove excess resin cement from the tooth surface without the worry of enamel damage and can be used for stain removal and polishing after scaling.



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Corsodyl of course!



Corsodyl - 'the Gold Standard' treatment for gingivitis has been re-launched.

The whole range has been updated with new graphics resulting in a more consumer friendly image for the brand,

and uniformity across the variants for pharmacists and dentists. The 300ml variants now feature a new laminated label which peels open to reveal further product information, but reseals to maintain a clean appearance.

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Bye bye bleach

Rembrandt Dazzling White from Den-Mat, the at-home whitening toothpaste and bleaching gel in one, is now available in the UK.



Dentists can offer Dazzling White to those patients who, for whatever reason, choose not to have their teeth professionally bleached but would like a whiter, brighter smile. Den-Mat say that brushing twice daily with Rembrandt Dazzling White instead of ordinary toothpaste whitens patients' teeth by several shades in just two weeks.

The fluoride, Citroxain and peroxide ingredients also work to prevent cavities and improve the overall health of the teeth and gums.

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