

The BDJ news page

The BDJ accepts all general news items that might interest our readers. Press releases or articles should not exceed 500 words and may be edited. Please include a colour photograph if possible. As space for photographs is limited, priority will be given to good quality and/or interesting pictures. Please send BDJ news items to Kate Craig.

ACSRD fellowship

The Association of Consultants and Specialists in Restorative Dentistry has awarded its travel fellowship for 2001 jointly to Martin Ashley of Sheffield, Alex Baxter of Birmingham and Harpal Chana of London. Harpal (below) and Martin (bottom) are shown receiving their Fellowships from ACSRD Chairman Professor Bill Saunders.



Family practice achieves iIP



Horbury Dental Care, which has been in the area for over 60 years, is the first dental surgery to be recognised as an Investor in People through Wakefield Training and Enterprise Council.

Practice partner Eric Willings is pictured (front row, second from left) with the Horbury dental team, including his son and associate partner Mark Willings (second from right) and Mark's wife Katie Willings (centre), practice manager.

Patricia Nichols Prize

Submissions are now being taken for the Patricia Nichols Prize 2001 awarded annually by Women in Dentistry

The prize is open to women undergraduates, vocational trainees and those in the KIT scheme, and the topic of this year's essay is 'What I have learnt through my patients'. The broad sweep of this title is open to individual interpretation.

Submissions should be a maximum of 1500 words, suitably typed, illustrated and bound in a display folder. Further details

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The prize is £250 plus a year's membership to Women in Dentistry. Closing date for entries is 30 April 2001.

Last year's winner was Maha J.A.H. Dashti (above), who won the prize for her case study 'Management of a patient with multiple sclerosis: experience of a final year dental student'.



BDA Policy on Members Working in the NHS and in the Private Sector



- The British Dental Association is committed to preventing oral diseases and promoting oral health for the whole population.
- The British Dental Association supports the principles of the National Health Service: a publicly funded health service, available to all.
- The British Dental Association reaffirms its support for members who work in a salaried environment whether it is in the Community Dental Service and Public Health Dentistry, the Personal Dental Service, the Hospital Dental Service, the University teaching sector or the Armed Forces.
- The British Dental Association believes

that the terms and conditions of service that apply in the NHS General Dental Service (GDS) are compromising ethical and professional standards and driving members into the private sector. Until working conditions in the GDS improve significantly, the BDA cannot support the GDS as the only source of funding for a dental practice. The BDA supports its members in their search for alternative sources of funding for their practices, whether the alternatives are in the private sector or in the wider NHS.

- The British Dental Association will be redoubling its efforts during 2001 to improve the terms and conditions of service for those members who, either

whole time or part time, continue to deliver care in the GDS.

- The British Dental Association will provide substantial support for those members who wish to move their practice wholly or partly into the private sector.

J. Renshaw
Chairman, Executive Board
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For further information on the BDA Policy on Members Working in the NHS and in the Private Sector please see the leader written by Michael Watson on page 339 of this issue.