

NHS Evidence – oral health

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NHS Evidence – oral health is one of over 30 specialist collections within the NHS Evidence library. Provided by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), NHS Evidence was launched in April 2009 with the aim of providing fast and easy access to evidence-based health and social care information.

If you are not already aware of it, take a look at NHS Evidence – oral health (www.library.nhs.uk/oralhealth), a key resource for oral health professionals who want to stay up to date with the evidence. It provides a freely available collection of guidelines, critical summaries of systematic reviews, and patient information from trusted organisations. The collection is updated on a daily basis and users will also find news stories, appraisals of clinical studies hitting the headlines, details of events and relevant information from oral health organisations in the UK.

The collection is managed by a team based at Cardiff University, led by Professor Barbara Chadwick. One of the team's key functions is to identify and appraise newly published systematic reviews that meet basic criteria (ie, that describe a search method, state inclusion and exclusion criteria, provide results of included studies and consider the quality of those studies). This work is brought together into a critical summary that reflects both the methodological rigour and the full text of the review under consideration. It is particularly important because busy clinicians often rely on abstracts, yet often published abstracts cannot (or do not) adequately convey the certainty of effect or, more often, the lack of it.

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Formerly a Specialist Library of the National Library for Health

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Welcome to NHS Evidence - oral health
Byte sized oral health information

NHS Evidence - oral health is designed to encourage and assist the use of evidence in practice by providing the following:

- Rapid access to the best available published resources in evidence based oral health, in accordance with our public policy
- Central evidence updates for reference
- Content in the form of updates in the headlines
- News stories and events of interest

Oral Health Annual Evidence Update 17-28 May 2010

NHS Evidence - oral health presents its latest [Oral Health Annual Evidence Update](#). The Update brings together the latest systematic reviews and evidence based guidelines of interest to oral health professionals.

In addition, John Stanfield, 2010 Dental Hygienist of the Year, has written a [Commentary](#) reflecting on the evidence from the perspective of a Dental Care Professional.

What's New in Oral Health:

- 13 May 2010: The General Dental Council is looking to recruit 50 new Fellows to Practice panel members. Advertisements are due to appear in national and trade press in June to attract applications from dentists, dental care professionals and lecturers.
- 10 May 2010: This new video talks reviews of interest to oral health professionals have been published in issue 6 of the *Cardiff Review*.
 - [Treatment of periodontal disease in children: current practice and evidence](#) (Professor Wainwright)
 - [Dental care and oral health in young people](#) (Professor Wainwright)
- 08 May 2010: NHS Evidence is pleased to have been awarded the title of Specialist Library of the National Library for Health (NLH) for the year 2009/10.
- 28 April 2010: New guidance has been published for the dental profession in England to help increase the experience of dental care and dentistry in oral health. [Click](#)
- 22 April 2010: Current Clinical has been named as the new Chief Executive and Registrar of the General Dental Council (GDC). One will take on the position later in the year. His Obituary joins the GDC from the General Osteopaths Council.
- 20 April 2010: The 'The Practice of Oral Care Practice (OCP)' and the 'Best Models for General Dental Surgery (BMDGS)' are being published by the GDC. One will take on the position later in the year. See [Dental Care](#) (2010).
- 16 April 2010: The GDC is asking dental professionals to double-check their registration status as a part of the.
- 16 April 2010: The GDC has launched its Student Fellows to Practice Campaign. [Click](#)
- 16 April 2010: There are systematic reviews of interests to oral health professionals that have been published in the *NHS Evidence* (NHS Evidence Library).

Figure 1. NHS Evidence – oral health homepage

A significant number of included reviews identify a lack of high-quality evidence to answer key clinical questions and another aspect of the team's work is to add these uncertainties to the Database of Uncertainties of Effects of Treatment. Capturing these uncertainties allows them to be identified as part of the ongoing research agenda. NHS Evidence – oral health has recently published its latest *Annual Evidence Update* which summarises what has been published during the previous year. The update, which covers a range of oral health topics, identified around 150 new systematic reviews published in 2009.

The collection also invites experienced oral health professionals to provide com-

mentaries that contextualise the evidence. Most recently, John Stanfield, dental hygienist and editor of the *Team in Practice* considered the new evidence of most interest to Dental Care Professionals (DCP) (see www.library.nhs.uk/oralhealth/ViewResource.aspx?resID=374007&pgID=1). Over the next 6 months, topics will include periodontal disease, dental implants, oral cancer and special care dentistry. Several of these commentaries will appear here in *Evidence-based Dentistry*, as well as in the NHS Evidence–oral health website.

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