



JAMES AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO ORTHODONTIC TECHNOLOGY

On 1 October 2022, James Green was awarded the Orthodontic Technicians Association Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Orthodontic Technology.

James trained as a dental technician at Barts and the London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry, in association with Lambeth College and qualified in 2001. This was followed by a vocational training year at the Royal London Hospital and two years based at the Eastman Dental Hospital. He currently works as a Maxillofacial and Dental Laboratory Manager for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) in London and Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford.

Since joining GOSH in 2004, James has been actively involved in research, the majority of which is related to facial clefts. He has co-authored papers that have been presented at national and international meetings and published in *The Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal*. Between 2011 and 2013 he collaborated with a team at Loma Linda University in California to investigate the effect of changes in primary attending doctor coverage frequency on orthodontic treatment time and results, the findings of which were published in *The Angle Orthodontist*. In 2016, he developed

the auricular splint (a custom-made medical device used to maintain auricular dimensions and projection following second stage auricular reconstruction) together with plastic surgeons at GOSH. This work was presented at the 2nd Congress of the International Society for Auricular Reconstruction in Beijing, China, and the British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons Winter Scientific Meeting in London and published in the *Annals of Plastic Surgery*.

James has delivered more than 40 invited lectures, both nationally and internationally. In recent years, he has lectured widely on the new custom-made medical device regulations; this work has been published in journals including the *British Dental Journal* and *BDJ Team*.

James has been an elected member of the Orthodontic Technicians Association (OTA) Council since 2006. He served as OTA Treasurer from 2007 to 2016 and was elected to his current role, OTA Secretary, in 2018. He was also a Dental Technologists Association council member from 2013 to 2019, during which time he served as Deputy President from 2014 to 2016 and President from 2016 to 2018.

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Mouth Cancer Action Month began on 1 November and organisers, the Oral Health Foundation, have collected new data on the alarming increase in the number of new mouth cancer cases.

The key takeaways are:

- The number of mouth cancer cases has reached an all-time high in the UK, with 8,864 diagnosed last year
- Rates of mouth cancer have doubled within the last generation
- New data show 3,034 people died from mouth cancer in the UK last year – an increase of 40% in the last ten years.

Dr Nigel Carter OBE, Chief Executive of the Oral Health Foundation, says the charity is fighting an uphill battle against mouth cancer and more must be done to raise awareness of the disease.

Dr Carter said: 'While most cancers are on the decrease, cases of mouth cancer continue to rise at an alarming rate. Traditional causes like smoking and drinking alcohol to excess are quickly being caught by emerging risk factors like the human papillomavirus (HPV). The stigma around mouth cancer has changed dramatically. It's now a cancer that really can affect anybody.'

'We have seen first-hand the devastating affect mouth cancer can have on a person's life. It changes how somebody speaks, it makes eating and drinking more difficult, and often changes a person's physical appearance.'

'During Mouth Cancer Action Month, we will be raising greater awareness of mouth cancer. We urge everybody to become more 'mouthaware' by being able to recognise the early warning signs of mouth cancer and to be aware of the common causes. Most importantly, if you notice anything unusual, please don't delay and seek help from a doctor or dentist.'

For more information about mouth cancer, visit www.mouthcancer.org.