

## Cause for applause

### Hip hop in the surgery

On 19 November, Torrington Dental Practice (TDP) hosted a hip-hop concert on site and raised £320 for MIND, the mental health charity. Exeter-based Samantics blends spoken word, multiple instruments and a loop station to deliver a unique and powerful sound which speaks of his own very personal experiences with mental health.

Fifty members of the TDP team, their friends and family attended the live performance in the practice's reception in addition to spectators watching on Zoom.

TDP are early adopters of the Mental Health Wellness in Dentistry framework: <https://mhwd.org/>.



Samantics (top row, third from right) with some of his fans from TDP, including practice partner Ian Mills (bottom row, left)

### Free fluoride varnish for children

Dental professionals at Clyde Munro Dental Group have volunteered their time to deliver over 100 free fluoride varnish treatments for children this autumn in some of Scotland's most deprived areas following pandemic fears.

The fluoride varnish application clinics are part of the dental group's wider initiative, Clyde Munro Cares. Throughout the last 15 months, Clyde Munro have also been offering virtual preventive sessions with children and their parents.

Clinics are still ongoing, and do not require participants to be registered at Clyde Munro practices.

### Personal best for CLAPA

In October, Consultant Cleft and Maxillofacial Surgeon Vicky Beale completed the London Marathon in an amazing personal best time of just three hours 59 minutes – and raised over £2,600 for the Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA).

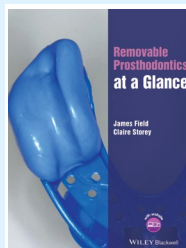
### Fighting cancer for 15 years

In September, Henry Schein's Practice Pink programme celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary supporting the global fight against cancer.

Since its inception, Practice Pink has raised more than \$1.7 million for cancer research, prevention and awareness efforts.

As part of the company's participation in the Practice Pink programme, Henry Schein Dental UK donated a percentage of the company's sales in October and November from selected pink products to Cancer Research UK to support its work in research, prevention, early disease detection and improving access to care.

## BOOK REVIEW



### REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS AT A GLANCE

James Field and Claire Storey  
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*Removable prosthodontics at a glance* is another successor of Wiley's Dentistry at a Glance series. In accordance with the series' format, chapters are segmented into a double-page layout, facilitating a more user-friendly reading experience. This is reinforced by the presentation of succinct coloured diagrams and affiliative clarificatory text to provide a comprehensive overview of the clinical facets across complete and partial denture provision.

The 120-page book is divided into 47 chapters, systematically guiding readers through the clinical stages of patient assessment, denture design, fabrication, insertion and review. Chapters commence with detailed illustrations for initial context visualisation, helping to engage readers and ultimately improve their understanding of the explanatory text. Theoretical principles are directly aligned towards clinical application, providing an integrated learning approach that can be easily incorporated into patient workflows.

Early chapters successfully demonstrate the importance of thorough patient assessment in prosthetic provision. This is supported by the inclusion of detailed denture and restorative *pro formas* that can be utilised as templates for readers' own patient examinations. Two chapters are entirely designated to the management of common prosthesis issues for presenting patients. These were particularly effective in facilitating rapid identification and management of denture difficulties. Despite this, it may prove deficient for those looking for more specialist-level details.

A breadth of topics including impression materials, altered cast technique, RPI systems and gingival veneers are covered in following chapters. A variety of flow diagrams and photographic, case-based examples support these taught theories, allowing them to be more readily applied across a range of clinical settings. The incorporated QR-coded quiz is also advantageous in assessing individuals' knowledge on a chapter-by-chapter basis. This structured education framework is particularly beneficial for those looking to track their learning development.

In conclusion, I would recommend this book to any undergraduate or general dental practitioner looking to advance their prosthodontic theoretical knowledge and clinical skillset. The book's condensed nature makes it exceptionally easy to follow and it's a brilliant resource guide in which information can be accessed and interpreted efficiently. It might not be the principal text promoted by university institutions but is an excellent supplementary textbook for those seeking a holistic and well-rounded prosthodontic education.

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