CONFERENCE REPORT

Dental Trauma UK: Bish Bash Bosh 2021

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One of the silver linings of the global pandemic is improved remote access to online events and learning we may not have been able to attend before. Dental Trauma UK, who usually host an annual face-to-face conference, introduced 'Bish Bash Bosh', a series of online evening lectures running throughout 2021, allowing us to learn from the comfort of our own homes.

2021's conference included a collection of experts presenting the latest in dental trauma as evening webinars with interactive Q&A sessions to follow. The series kicked off in April with Bob Philpot, an Honorary Consultant in Endodontics, talking us through his five top tips for managing dental trauma. Not only did he cover the practicalities of pulp testing, appropriate imaging, repositioning and splinting, but he also recognised the need to manage stress surrounding acute trauma management and how to be best prepared for when a trauma patient walks through the door.

In May, Beth Burns, a Restorative Consultant in Glasgow, followed with a 'transition from paediatric trauma to adulthood'. Long-term outcomes and sequelae were presented, with referenced papers for further reading. She navigated us through the Dental Trauma Guide calculator tool and finished by summarising with when to intervene and when to refer.

In June, Shashi Mishra, a Specialist in Endodontics, went on to present his 'Tips and tricks in endodontics following dental trauma' which included cases, photos and how-to videos. Positioning, access and irrigation were all covered with visual demonstrations as to how to implement into practice. Whilst the focus was on trauma, his practical tips could be applied to general endodontics too.

The long-term sequelae following dental trauma was presented in July by James Darcey, a Restorative Consultant, Specialist Endodontist and lead for the Adult Dental Trauma pathway at Manchester Dental Hospital. He outlined what core outcomes to record throughout the patient's trauma journey. Key papers and references for outcomes were included, to support us in providing our patients with realistic expectations following dental trauma.

In September, Shanon Patel, Professor of Endodontology at King's College London, presented 'External cervical resorption' using 2D and 3D imagery to explain the phases of the resorption process. Examples of different clinical and radiographic presentations were shown along with a discussion of presenting symptoms. The importance of cone beam CT for diagnosis and management was also covered.

October's lecture discussed what to do when teeth aren't reimplanted or are lost due to trauma complications. Ravi Chauhan, a Specialist in Restorative Dentistry in Oxford, discussed predictable resin-bonded bridges, when to place, how to design and long-term prognosis.

Phil Tomson, a Consultant in Restorative Dentistry and fellow colleague in Birmingham, talked us through the stages of the Benex surgical extrusion technique. The inclusion of step-by-step procedure videos allowed visualisation of how to perform the technique and when certain patients may benefit from undergoing the procedure.

The year of webinars ended with Stephen Henderson, Head of Dental Division MDDUS, who presented 'Report writing in dental trauma cases'. He discussed how to write a professional dental report, what to include and used real case examples of when reports have been a necessity for dental trauma cases. The suggested further reading from all lectures is definitely a must!

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in the COVID-19 environment, including those imposed by COVID such as delayed presentation. Throughout the webinars, the updated International Association for Dental Traumatology (IADT) 2020 trauma guidelines were referenced with support on how to implement the guidelines into practice.

Whilst an evening lecture series may prevent us from having to travel, we can acknowledge that live timings don't always suit all. Fear not as all the webinars are filmed to access later and Dental Trauma UK's lecture series is one of a few which still offers a CPD certificate to those catching up at a later date. All the lectures from the 2021 mini lecture series remain online for members and a yearly membership to Dental Trauma UK not only provides free CPD but also free access to the Dental Trauma Guide, 'how to' videos and patient leaflets.

Whilst managing trauma can be daunting, Dental Trauma UK's 2021 lecture series has been 'Bish Bash Brilliant' in supporting both the theoretical knowledge and practical management of dental trauma at all stages.

I eagerly await the format of 2022's set up!

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