

DRY MOUTH SCALE LAUNCHED

On 2 September 2011 the Challacombe Scale was launched: an easy-to-use tool for identifying and quantifying the severity of dry mouth. The scale was developed by Professor Stephen Challacombe at King's College London and is suitable for use by general dental practitioners, dental hygienists and dental therapists.

The Challacombe Scale is based on a Clinical Oral Dryness Score (CODS) and lists ten key features of dry mouth, accompanied by example images, and allocates one point for each feature.

The patient's additive score indicates whether the dry mouth is mild (a score of 1-3), moderate (4-6) or severe (7-10) and suggests what action to take next.

Free posters of the scale are available from CCMed, who hosted the launch at Tylney Hall, Hampshire, and practices are encouraged to position them prominently in the waiting room and include patients' scores in their clinical notes.

For further information and to receive a free Challacombe Scale poster for your practice you can visit www.challacombescale.co.uk.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS INVITED

The Faculty of Dental Surgery of The Royal College of Surgeons of England is inviting applications for the 2012 Research Grant and Fellowship competitions. This includes the Small Grants Scheme; the FDS Research Fellowship in any aspect of specialist dentistry and oral and maxillofacial surgery; the joint FDS-Wellcome Trust clinical research

training Fellowships; and the King's College London John McLean Fellowship in applied and basic science-based biomaterials research in dentistry.

The closing date for all applications is 27 January 2012 at 5pm. Further details and application forms can be found at www.rcseng.ac.uk/fds/grants-awards-and-fellowships.

DIARY

NOVEMBER

The Pan Dental Society Meeting

Date: 11-12 November 2011

Location: Liverpool

www.pandental.co.uk

BACD 'Something to Smile About' conference

Date: 11-12 November 2011

Location: Hilton London Metropole Hotel

Email: suzy@bacd.com

ADI UK Members' National Forum

Date: 11-12 November 2011

Venue: King's College London

Tel: 020 8487 5555

www.adi.org.uk/forum11

2012

Jamaica Dental Association 48th National Convention

Date: 15-15 February 2012

Venue: Iberostar Hotels & Resorts

www.jamaicadentalassociation.org

Dental Hypnosis 1: Technical Foundations and Dental Hypnosis 2: Applied Clinical Skills

Date: 22-23 February 2012

Location: Central London

Telephone: 020 7385 1166

Email: info@ihmdp.org

BDA Events: Setting up in practice: how to succeed in challenging times

Date: 9 March 2012

Location: Leeds

Telephone: 020 7563 4590

(quote 'SUIP1' to book a second place half price)

Excellence in Dentistry 2012 Conference

Date: 26-29 April 2012

Location: Istanbul

www.excellence-in-dentistry.org

Dental Sedation Teachers Group Annual Symposium 2012

Date: 22 May 2012

Venue: St. Paul's Mezure Hotel, Sheffield

Email: sheelah.harrison@sheffield.ac.uk

www.dstg.co.uk