BOOK REVIEW

BASIC GUIDE TO ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION, 2ND EDITION

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This is an excellent and well-written book aimed at dental nurses studying for a qualification in oral health education.

It is divided into six main sections, comprising 33 chapters, all of which follows a methodical and logical order. The first half aims to provide the reader with basic knowledge of the oral cavity, the disease process and advice on oral disease prevention. This is followed by detailed methods of delivering oral health education and promotion. The book concludes with the current UK society efforts to improve the oral health of the nation.

Each chapter is concise, giving the reader clear learning outcomes and allowing the reader to consolidate their knowledge gained. Each chapter is well referenced and guides the enthusiast towards further reading.

The authors emphasise the importance of a patient centred approach when delivering oral health education and tailoring the advice to be dependent on individual circumstances. A whole section is dedicated in targeted advice to pregnant patients, the pre-11-year-olds, adolescent and orthodontic patients, older people and the at-risk and special-care patients. This I found to be particularly beneficial in breaking down communication barriers when delivering oral health education.

Furthermore, practical tips are given on setting up a preventative dental unit, obtaining resources for use of delivering oral health messages and how to prepare oral hygiene sessions both inside and outside of the workplace.

This is a well thought out and clearly written publication, where the authors' knowledge and experiences are clearly conveyed to the reader. Although it is aimed at dental nurses, I believe this book will be an ideal revision aid for dentists, dental students, dental hygienists and therapists in their pursuit of oral health education and promotion.

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CONFERENCE CONTROVERSIALLY CANCELLED

The Building a Healthier, Fairer Scotland conference scheduled to be held in May was cancelled when it came to light that Nestle were a gold sponsor. Nine senior public health directors and advisers from NHS Health Scotland wrote to the chair days before the event, voicing their concern. Nestle promotes formula milk products in developing countries; where clean drinking water is not available, a baby bottle-fed is more likely to die of diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections.

PHOTO STORY

Queensway Dental Clinic in the North East launched the 'Tooth Troopers' project as part of National Smile Month, aiming to address the chronic problem of tooth decay in young children in Teeside by providing education and information. Pupils at primary

schools in Teeside were invited to become Tooth Troopers with characters Toby and Tilly (pictured). Following an interactive presentation from Queensway staff, pupils could then complete a fun, educational workbook and take part in a poster competition.

BDA LIBRARY TO ASSIST WITH NICE RESEARCH PROJECT

The BDA Library is to be part of a team chosen by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) to research evidence on the most effective approaches to oral health promotion and disease prevention by dental practitioners.

The research team for the project, *Oral Health Promotion Approaches for Dental Health Practitioners*, will collect and review evidence and present it to the NICE committee responsible for developing policy guidelines. The team will be led by Professor Liz Kay, Foundation Dean at Peninsula Dental School, Plymouth University. BDA Library Manager Helen Nield will be assisting the research team and acting as the team's information scientist, search strategist and database interrogator.

The teams bidding for the tender were invited to present their proposals at an interview in May at NICE headquarters. Helen Nield also gave a short presentation on search strategies at the interview.

Roger Farbey, the BDA's Head of Library & Knowledge Services, said: 'This project is one of very few commissioned by NICE which relates directly to general dental practice. I congratulate Helen on helping to make this the winning bid.'