

Faculty plans 25th anniversary conference

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) has announced the launch of a very special conference to mark their 25th anniversary.

'Holistic Dentistry – Putting the Mouth Back into the Body' will take place on Friday 3 November in partnership with Simplyhealth Professionals and feature a keynote address by Professor Iain Chapple as well as presentations from leading names in the industry.

Mick Horton, Dean of FGDP(UK), said: 'Dentistry and healthcare in general are changing. We can no longer view areas of the body in isolation; what we do as professionals can impact on the rest of the body, and vice-versa. This holistic approach to treatment brings together modern techniques and their relationship with general disease.'

This unique conference is designed for clinicians at all stages of their careers and aims to provide: updates on the latest research that provides the foundation for the contemporary management of common dental diseases; a fascinating insight into the complex inter-relationships between oral diseases and the general health of patients in all age groups; and the revealing evidence base that demonstrates the long-term impact of some traditional treatments on oral and general health.

Speakers will include:

- Professor Mike Curtis – how strong is the link between oral and other diseases – hype or reality?
- Avi Banerjee – Dental Caries and the Human Body – the 'Missing link'
- Professor Trevor Burke – The Ultimate Guide to Restoration Longevity
- Professor Iain Chapple – Time to Put the Mouth Back into the Body: the truth about periodontal-systemic links

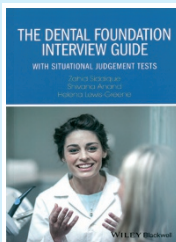


- Dr Stephen Fayle – Oral Health in Childhood – Getting it Right from the Start
- Professor Nairn Wilson – Inter-professional Working and Education: The Need to Broaden Horizons to Integrate Dentistry into General Healthcare.

Bookings are now open online – visit <http://www.holisticdentistry.eventbrite.com> or call 020 7689 6750.

The FGDP(UK) has also announced its support for a new standards document from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) on oral health promotion in care homes. The new quality standard recommends that residents have their oral health needs assessed on admission and recorded in their personal care plans, and are supported to clean their teeth twice a day and/or their dentures daily. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/QS151>

BOOK REVIEW



THE DENTAL FOUNDATION INTERVIEW GUIDE: WITH SITUATIONAL JUDGEMENT TESTS

Zahid Siddique, Shivana Anand and Helena Lewis-Greene
Wiley-Blackwell 2016, price £24.99 pp. 184
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This first edition of *The dental foundation interview guide: with situational judgement tests* is a comprehensive handbook for final year dental students and those wishing to participate in the dental foundation training interview process.

The authors Zahid Siddique, Shivana Anand and Helena Lewis-Greene, who have teaching experience in one of the UK's dental schools, seem to have a grasp on the process and knowledge required to becoming a successful candidate. As acknowledged in the preface, this book is the first in which the situational judgment test (SJT) is addressed from a dental perspective.

The book includes eight structured chapters and is comprised of 184 pages, 124 of which are dedicated to example scenarios and their answers.

The first three chapters offer the reader background information about the process. This covers vital information regarding the application, such as key dates and schemes the candidate can apply to. Details regarding the SJT are also outlined with useful tables to familiarise the reader with the exam format. Chapters 4 and 5 contain the bulk of the information which is needed by the interviewee, introducing the reader to definitions which are vital to understand but which they may have not encountered during dental school. Also included in these chapters is key legislation, with brief summaries, of which the candidate should be aware.

This book undoubtedly delivers to its description in the synopsis as a 'step-by-step guide to the dental foundation training application process.' It is well structured and covers briefly the topics and knowledge needed for the interview, even providing a checklist of sources which is useful to guide the reader to additional reading. Whilst other materials may be needed for background reading, I believe that this book offers enough example scenarios and SJT questions to be sufficient for the applicant in their preparation.

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