



CPD questions

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CPD ARTICLE 1 – PAGES 37-40

The role of dental therapist in the management of paediatric patients with hypodontia

- Oligodontia is a term used to describe:
 - 3 missing teeth excluding third molars

- 6 missing teeth excluding third molars
 - 4 missing teeth excluding third molars
 - total lack of one or both the dentitions
- This research study comprised of:
 - 50 patients with congenitally missing teeth
 - 30 patients with congenitally missing teeth
 - 34 patients with congenitally missing teeth
 - 16 patients with congenitally missing teeth

- In this study, the number of patients with congenitally missing teeth seen by a therapist was:
 - 4
 - 10
 - 14
 - 34
- The oral hygiene was noted to be inadequate in:
 - 25% of the patients
 - 30% of the patients
 - 62% of the patients
 - 41% of the patients



CPD ARTICLE 2 – PAGES 48-49

Periodontal litigation and the dental hygienist

- Negligence claims in dentistry:
 - are becoming less frequent
 - arise from the automatic duty of care of all dental professionals
 - are always due to intentional acts
 - arise in the Law of Contract
- A hygienist may be involved in litigation due to:
 - failing to inform the patient/dentist of existing periodontal disease

- failing to remove all hard deposits from periodontal pockets
 - failure of fissure sealants within six months of placement
 - not motivating patients enough to improve their level of oral hygiene
- The 'routine scale and polish' trap can be exploited legally:
 - only in the High Court
 - when the dentist refers a patient to a periodontist
 - when the hygienist has not recorded a BPE for 12 months
 - because discrediting the hygienist as well as the dentist can lead to higher compensation for the patient
 - To treat periodontal disease and avoid litigation, the hygienist:
 - must take full responsibility for the patient's level of oral hygiene at home
 - does not have to tell the patient about their periodontal disease

CPD ANSWERS – SPRING

Answers to the CPD questions in the spring 2010 issue of *Vital*.

Oral health education

- D
- D
- C
- C

Why bother with ethics and law?

- C
- A
- D
- B

- should write down the patient's responses, in their own words, to information given
- should always recommend a chlorhexidine mouthwash

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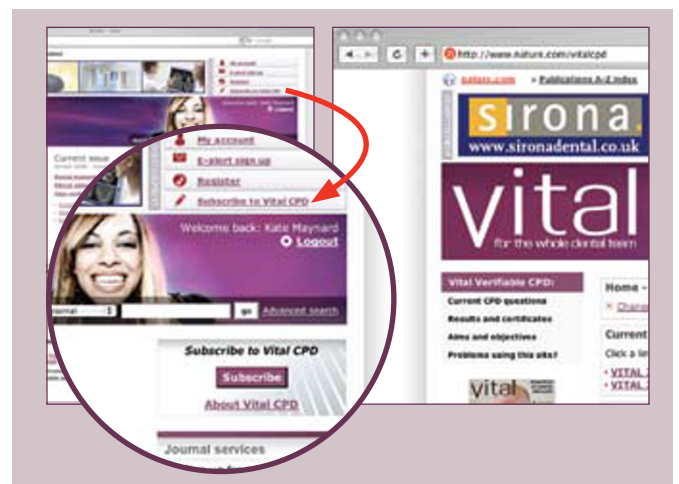
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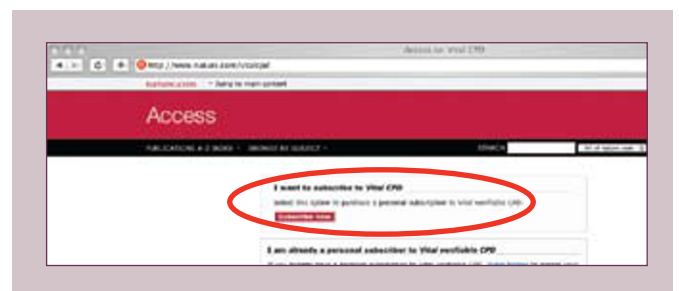
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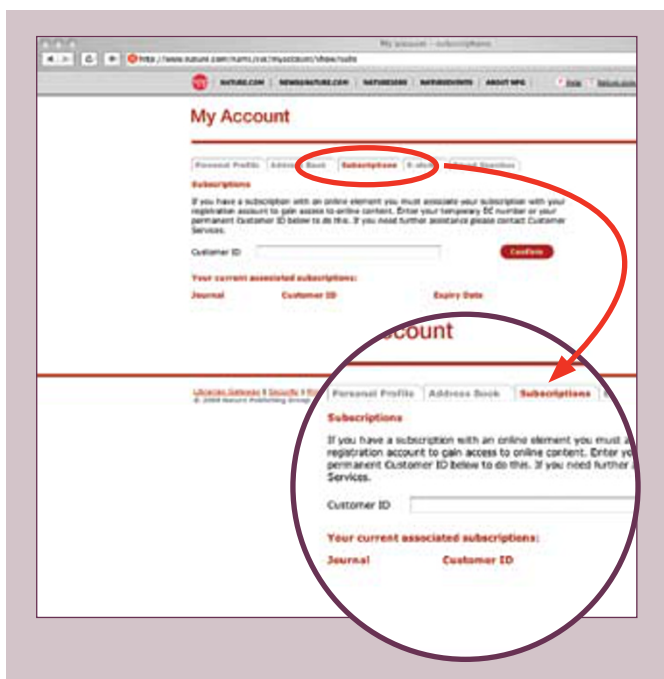


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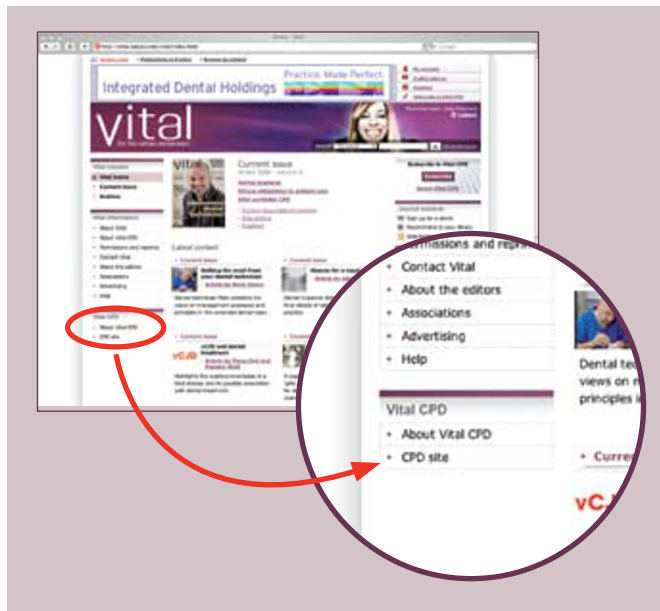
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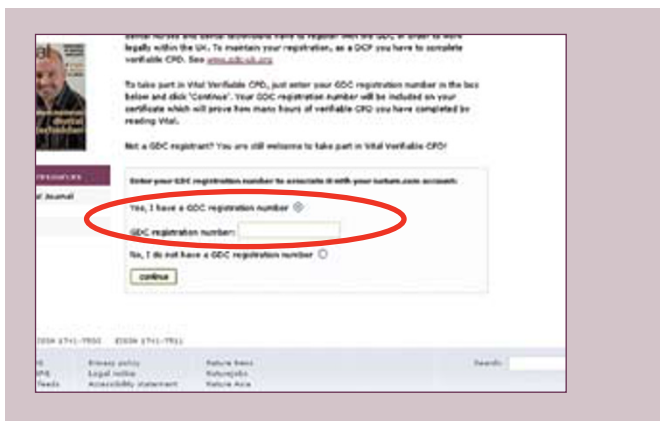
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