

## MAGIC COMMUNICATION

Magician Michael Vincent (right) will perform at a study day on communication for dental professionals to be held at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, on 12 September.

The theme of the day will be patient engagement and Michael, triple winner of the Magic Circle's Close-Up Magician of the Year award, promises a performance of 'astonishment, utter disbelief and pure fun'. He will be considering 'the magic of rapport'.

Brian Hurwitz D'Oyly Carte, professor of medicine and arts at King's College London, and an NHS GP, will discuss connections between clinical cases and short stories.

Mike Clarke, dento-legal adviser at Dental Protection will consider communication techniques for difficult situations.



## HYGIENIST PRACTICE OPENS IN THE CITY

A practice staffed by hygienists – Toothplace – has opened in the City of London, offering a walk-in service. 'Have your teeth cleaned and polished by a professional hygienist as conveniently as visiting a hairdresser's or nail bar,' it says. The practice, based near the Monument, also offers 'Californian breath checks.'

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## HEALTH SCREENING OBLIGATORY FOR DENTAL THERAPY COURSES

All applicants to dental hygiene and dental therapy courses must be screened for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV and TB, according to new guidance from the Council of Heads and Deans of Medical School.

The requirements, which also apply to applicants for dental school, state that admission will be conditional on the results of this testing for blood-borne viruses (BBV). Schools should display these requirements on their websites and in information to applicants, the guidance states. Prospective students should not be expected to pay for testing, the guidance adds.

