

# CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 23 EDITION

# Our new Continuing Education September 2023 - March 2024 calendar is now live for bookings!!



The calendar has been developed to be delivered both online and face to face, utilising a mix of daytime, evening and lunchtime learning sessions. This will allow participants to gather CPD at a time and in a way that suits all. I would like to draw to your attention the Four Day Hands on Oral Surgery Course for Dentists and their Dental Nurses in January/February 2024. NIMDTA offer support to those who are returning to work after a career break and those who find themselves seeking asylum and want to maintain skills though the NIMDTA simulation suite.





## **Impression Taking For A Dentate Patient**

## **Pouring, Casting and Trimming Models and Vacuum Formed Retainers**

DCP's are you interested in developing your skills? Did you know that within a dental care professionals scope of practice you can carry out extended duties with additional training?

A DCP can take impressions, pour, cast and trim models and construct vacuum formed retainers under the prescription of a dentist. NIMDTA has made it easy to pick up all of these skills on the same day! Tuesday 3rd October, at BF Mulhollands training suite, you can start your day by learning the theory of alginate impression taking, moving on to hands on training on phantom heads before having the opportunity to take alginate impressions on each other. You will then be required to extend this training in your own practice, completing a portfolio of 10 sets of alginate impressions on patients, being signed off by your mentor. Following the completion of your portfolio you will then be required to deliver a short oral presentation on reflection of your training over the four month period to your lecturer.

Further develop these skills by using your impression to pour, cast and trim a model and then make a vacuum formed retainer. You will start by having a short lecture before getting stuck into the hands on element. By the end of this session you will have successfully started the vacuum formed retainer process from start to finish. With these skills you could also be the dedicated member of staff making patients whitening trays from start to finish from the prescription of the dentist - no need for the impressions to leave your practice.

This training would be ideal for a DCP working in an orthodontic practice, or for someone who would like to increase their scope of practice without having to sit any exams! The morning and afternoon sessions are £60 each and Impression Taking for a Dentate Patient is a 2 part course.





We hope to see you there!

### **Returning to Dentistry?**

Have you been off work for a while; on maternity leave or had a career break and are due to go back to dentistry? We are running a course to prepare you for going back to general practice. Join us for 3 days in February to cover areas of GDS regulations, CPD and PDP requirements, infection prevention and control, periodontal updates and hands-on sessions for suture placement and removal and use of NIMDTA's Simulation Suite to refresh those clinical skills. Arm yourself with the confidence to dive straight back in to the workplace. Spaces are limited to 10, so book early to avoid disappointment.



5, 6 & 7 FEBRUARY 2024 £400 FOR 3 DAYS **BOOK NOW!** 



The CE team are always trying to find ways to support those in general practice through quality education and are currently working on an ILM level 3 leadership and management qualification for dental nurses who would like to work towards becoming a senior dental nurse.

If this is something you would be interested in hearing more about send your details to dentalcourses.nimdta@hscni.net







**Dental Nurse Tutor** 

Are you qualified in the NEBDN post qualification in Orthodontic Dental Nursing or are you an Orthodontic Therapist? We need you!

NIMDTA are hoping to recruit speakers for the NEBDN post qualification in Dental Nursing. Please email a copy of your CV to dentalcourses.nimdta@hscni.net

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### **Dental Hygienist/Therapist**

Have your say...



Have you seen the proposal to enable dental hygienist and dental therapist to supply and administer specific medicines under exemptions?

Click the link across for more information and to complete the online questionnaire.



Open consultation

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# General Dental Council

# Have your say on international registration

for dentists and DCPs

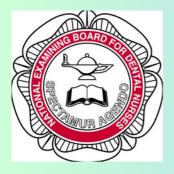
We're proposing new rules

Consultation and call for evidence open until 26 September

#### GDC

A consultation on routes to registration for internationally qualified dentists and dental care professionals is open until 26th September, this includes fees for the overseas registration exam. Why not click on the link below and have your say:

Consultations and responses (gdc-uk.org)



#### **NEBDN**

Something exciting is coming your way Dental Nurses!

NIMDTA is working hard to become a NEBDN accredited course provider for the post qualifications, starting with Sedation Dental Nursing and Special Care Dental Nursing beginning early 2024.

Which qualifications should we offer next? If you have a specific interest in a post certificate you would like to do please drop us an email to dentalcourses.nimdta@hscni.net



#### **Dental Service Workforce Review Groups**

NIMDTA will be attending the Dental Services Workforce Review Focus Group on Monday 18th September.

Hopefully see some of you there!

A few spaces might still be available, which will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. You can apply by emailing <a href="mailto:gerard.tinney@health-ni.gov.uk">gerard.tinney@health-ni.gov.uk</a> directly.







#### DENTAL SERVICES WORKFORCE REVIEW FOCUS GROUPS

Date: Monday 18 September 2023

Time: 09:30 (registration) - 15:00

**Location: Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre** 

The Dental Services Workforce Review Steering Group has agreed that focus groups with key stakeholders should be held to consider the following three areas that require further exploration:

- Specialist areas including community dental services, oral surgery and non-clinical roles of dental public health and dental advisers.
- Dental nurse education, training and retention in the workplace.
- Data enhancement and collection of up-to-date dental workforce data.