

2012

Exeter Vocational Training Scheme



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Study Day Programme

January – July 2012

Introduction.

The following pages include details of the study day course which has been carefully planned to help fulfil the aims and objectives of Vocational Training, which are to meet the needs of unsupervised general clinical practice by enhancing clinical and administrative competence and to promote high ethical standards and quality care for patients.

The objective of Vocational Training is that the Vocational Dental Practitioner should be eligible to practice unsupervised as a principal within the GDS.

The speakers are generally delighted to answer individual questions, it would, therefore, be worthwhile to consider in advance what you personally would like to gain from each session, and to jot down such questions beforehand.

The appraisal sheets for the sessions are a valuable means of feedback and are an important part of quality assurance for the course. Please complete them thoughtfully as your opinions are valuable and will help to inform thinking to improve the course for your successors as did your predecessors for you.

Please note that attendance at the study day course is mandatory. Absence other than in exceptional circumstances as outlined in the Deanery handbook will indicate your withdrawal from the Vocational Training Scheme and you will not receive a certificate at the end of the year.

In order to claim your expenses for attendance at the course VDPs are requested to sign the register for each session attended.

Trainers are most welcome to attend the course but are asked to inform the Course Organiser beforehand.

Problem solving will be on an ad hoc basis throughout the term, the working lunches and discussions over coffee often ironing out difficulties.

If you have a problem which you would like to be dealt with confidentially please feel free to telephone me either at home or on my mobile so that we can arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss the matter.

I hope that you will have an enjoyable and valuable term.

John L Makin

Notes On Term 2 Study Day Course

There are a total of 30 study days during the Vocational Training Year. Each of these contributes 7 hours towards your contracted 35 hour working week.

If there is no study day during any particular week then you are expected to work 5 days (ie 35 hours) in your practice.

During term 2 there will be 9 study days.

Our Exeter Postgraduate Meetings commence at 9.30 am prompt unless otherwise advised, with a morning session (9.30 am -1.00 pm) with a working lunch and an afternoon session (2.00 pm – 4.30 pm).

The venue has been carefully selected for its accessibility, given its close proximity to the M5/A30 junction and the Honiton Road Park and Ride arrangements for the city centre. Free parking is available on site; car sharing is encouraged wherever possible.

At other venues please ensure that you arrive punctually to start work at the time indicated in the programme.

If you have any queries about your study day course or your leave entitlement please let me know.

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Dates & Venues for Term Two

Thursday 5 th January	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 12 th January	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 19 th January	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 26 th January	No Study Day	Work in practice

Thursday 2 nd /3 rd February	GDC Visit/Careers Day, Central London	
Thursday 9 th February	9.30 am	Holiday Inn Express, Exeter
Thursday 16 th February	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 23 rd February	No Study Day	Work in practice

Thursday 1 st March	9.30 am	Dart's Farm Topsham
Thursday 8 th March	No Study Day	Work in practice
Wednesday 14 th March	9.30 am	Dart's Farm Topsham
Thursday 15 th March	9.00 am	Devonport
Thursday 22 nd March	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 29 th March	No Study Day	Work in practice

Thursday 5 th April	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 12 th April	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 19 th April	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 26 th /27 th /28 th April	BDA Conference, Manchester	

Thursday 3 rd May	9.30 am	Dart's Farm Topsham
Thursday 10 th May	9.30 am	Dart's Farm Topsham
Thursday 17 th May	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 24 th May	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 31 st May	No Study Day	Work in practice

Thursday 7 th June	No Study Day	Work in practice
Thursday 14 th June	No Study Day	Work in practice
Friday 22 nd June	9.30 am	Holiday Inn Express, Exeter
Friday 29 th June	Certificate Presentation, Woodbury Park Hotel, Exeter	

Thursday February 2nd 2012

Hearing at the GDC

The General Dental Council, Wimpole St. London W1.

On 2nd February we will be travelling up to London. Please note - you will need to make your own travel arrangements. You are expected to take the most cost-effective means of transport, so please make your bookings early in order to take advantage of cheap tickets. You must be at the General Dental Council in plenty of time for the start of the afternoon session. This is most important, as you may not be admitted once the hearing has started, and you will therefore miss the whole session.

The GDC operates in a number of locations, all of which are fairly central. You will be told in advance exactly where you need to be - please ensure that you are quite clear about this, and contact me if you are in any doubt.

The General Dental Council is our professional regulatory body. Self regulation is one of the core defining features of a profession. The role of the GDC is to regulate the profession and also to protect the public.

You will receive a presentation from a member of the hearings directorate to explain in more detail the arrangements at the GDC focusing in particular on the Fitness to Practice arrangements.

Subject to the programme of business you will see, from the public gallery a hearing before the Professional Conduct Committee.

Please note that smart attire is mandatory for this visit – Jacket and tie would be appropriate for gentlemen, please, and definitely no jeans or trainers.

We need to bear in mind that we will be seeing one of our colleagues in a very stressful situation. When you are in the waiting areas there may be family members of the defendant with us. I do not think I need to tell you how sensitive a situation this is, and how careful you should be in your comments in case you are overheard. Remember - one day it could be you!

Friday February 3rd 2012

BDA Event: Career Opportunities in UK Dentistry

Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London

Accommodation at the Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury

Now celebrating its twelfth year, 'Career opportunities in UK dentistry' is a unique one-day event organised by the British Dental Association and UCL Eastman Dental Institute. The conference is aimed at foundation dentists, young dentists, anyone considering a change of career or returning to dentistry after a career break, as well as dentists from overseas.

Conference

The day will consist of a programme of lectures by knowledgeable speakers drawing on their own experiences to give you an invaluable insight into the career options available.

Exhibition

Employers of dentists and organisations who support dentists throughout their careers will be exhibiting throughout the day. The exhibition will be held in areas adjacent to the meeting rooms where lunch and refreshments will also be provided. This is an ideal opportunity to speak face to face with potential employers and those providing career guidance and support services.

Programme

http://www.bda.org/Images/2012_career_opportunities_brochure.pdf

Further details will be sent nearer the time. Please note that hotel accommodation has been arranged for attendees unless you informed us that you did not require it. You will be billed for the cost of your room if you then fail to attend.

Thursday 9th February

Holiday Inn Express Exeter

9.30 am - Medical Money Management

Paul Stone, Independent Financial Advisor

2.00 pm - Ethical Success in the NHS

Bruce Pearson

Bruce is an experienced and current trainer on the Exeter scheme. He owns and operates a number of practices in our region and is an active member of the Local Dental Committee. Bruce will explore the opportunities and pitfalls of the current NHS contract and explore ways to deliver dentistry in a profitable and ethical way within its constraints. He will also look to the future of our profession and we will consider the long-term prospects for primary dental care.

Thursday 1st March (9am)

Implants (Hands On)

Dart's Farm, Topsham

Dr David Pagliero

Following the successful and enjoyable hands – on oral surgery day in term 1 David will introduce the contemporary subject of implantology. David has a great depth of knowledge in the field having successfully placed many implants and is a current examiner on the Warwick Msc course.

Although not all of us will choose to place implants in practice, preferring instead to refer to a specialist colleague. We will need a good working knowledge of implant systems to allow us to explain all the treatment options available to patients as part of the consent process and to enable us to provide the restorative elements of implantology and inform patients in the care of their implants.

Representatives of the Straumann Company will be on hand to show us some of the hardware available today and give detailed product knowledge.

Wednesday 14th March

Crown & Bridge 2 (Hands On)

SDLE Portland Square, Plymouth

Paul Bennett

We will build upon the knowledge and hands on experience we gained during our hands -on day in term 1.

Paul will introduce the principles of bridge design and more advanced concepts for crown preparations.

This is an opportunity to discuss any issues that have arisen in practice since we last met at the SDLE and to practice new and refine existing skills in a supportive environment.

Bring along any study models of interesting or problematical cases to discuss with Paul and your colleagues.

Thursday 15th March (9 am)

Communication Skills

Cascade Theatre Company

Dart's Farm, Topsham

A joint study day with our FD colleagues from Plymouth.

Communication is at the heart of everything we do in our profession. It is not surprising, therefore, that the topic features as one of the domains in both the Dental Foundation curriculum and the forthcoming GDC revalidation programme.

Following the successful and enjoyable team working day in term 1 Kit and Carol will introduce some innovative ways to improve our communication with those around us during our working lives. This will enable us to communicate better with patients, colleagues and other stakeholder professionals

Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th April 2012

British Dental Conference and Exhibition

Manchester Central Convention Complex (MCCC)

Accommodation to be confirmed

For three days we attend the BDA conference. This is the chance to meet up with old friends, make new ones and attend the educational sessions and trade exhibition that are laid on for all delegates.

You will need to arrange transport to the conference to arrive by lunchtime on Thursday for registration.

You will be required to attend the conference on Thursday afternoon, all day Friday and for 2 hours on Saturday. Failure to do this will mean you will be charged for your accommodation at the conference.

<http://www.bda.org/events/annual-conference/>

Thursday 3rd May

Dart's Farm, Topsham

9.30 am - Accountancy

Greg Penfold

2.00 pm - Self Care for Professionals

Dr Andrew Tressider

Dr Andrew Tressider is a General Medical Practitioner and medical educator in Chard, Somerset.

The formal curriculum sets out important professional skills that we all need to learn- but alongside this life offers us an unstated curriculum, This includes self-care at an emotional level, an understanding of why we all say 'I'm fine' when we're not, interpersonal dynamics, the games that people sometimes play, and the drama triangle we can get trapped in by our patients (and ourselves). Familiarity with these concepts can help life flow better and also importantly help professionals stay free from complaints.

The morning will also briefly touch on some concepts of complementary medicine.

Thursday 10th May

Occlusion in Restorative Dentistry

John Evans

Dart's Farm, Topsham

Aims: To improve awareness of the relevance of occlusion in restorative dentistry

Objectives:

Delegates will be better able to recognise restorative problems with an occlusal element and will have had some practical hands on experience of carrying out an occlusal examination, recording Centric relation and retruded contact position and constructing a Lucia jig.

Friday 22nd June

The Exeter FDs Case Presentations

Holiday Inn, Exeter

Aim: To look at the work that our group have been carrying out throughout the VT year.

Objectives:

Delegates will see a wide range of treatment styles and modalities, will have practised preparing and presenting a case to colleagues and will experience peer review.

An early evening barbeque will follow the afternoon session. All trainers are very welcome to come to the BBQ.

Friday 29th June 2012

Woodbury Park Hotel & Golf Club, Exeter
<http://www.woodburypark.co.uk>

Presentation of VT Certificates

The year ends with the South West schemes meeting for the presentation of VT certificates by the Dean, Mr Alasdair Miller.

11.00 am Coffee and Registration

11.30 am – Key note lecture.

1.00 pm – Presentation of VT Certificates

2.00 pm – Buffet Lunch

Further details to follow nearer the time.