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CPD Changes from *Dental Update*

To All Subscribers who participate in *Dental Update's* CPD Programme

From the April 2015 issue

we are changing the way we provide verifiable CPD. This is not because we want to irritate our subscribers, but feel it is time to modernize our programme and make sure we meet all the requirements and stipulations that the GDC are starting to demand.

We feel that if we keep the same format, then there will be more 'grey areas' in our programme, offering the GDC an excuse to reject the current certificates.

All we are doing differently is ensuring that we have a standard to abide by and clarifying all aims and objectives for our CPD programme. We are modernizing the certificate, making it clearer which papers and subjects you have read each month and the questions relating to those articles.

Dental Update still offers 4 hours of verifiable CPD in each issue. What is changing? You will only have to give **one answer** per question. The website will not allow you to give more than one.

1) You will have to answer the questions of the related papers with a correct score of 50% or more.

2) When you press submit to each question you cannot change your answer, up to that point you can change your

answer as many times as you like. This new system proves to the GDC that we have quality control in place for our CPD programme and, as well as being the leading peer reviewed journal for the GDC, we are 100% confident that *Dental Update's* CPD offers the most comprehensive solution to postgraduate education, meeting the criteria set out by the GDC

The Certificate

We are also changing the certificate awarded. We are going to be more specific with what the participant has achieved.

It will give the title of every article that you have read and answered

questions on, with the CPD aims and objectives and learning outcomes clearly visible on the certificate. It will clearly state the quality control of our programme.

There will be a different certificate produced every issue in which you have participated and not annually. The Certificate is stored on the website in PDF format in your CPD portfolio section, so no change there. This can be downloaded monthly, or when and if required by yourself, providing the evidence of your participation to the GDC.

If you still do CPD by sending in the card, we will input your answer and your certificate will also be stored online as before, so no change there either.

Q4 Ideally, a vacuum-formed retainer (VFR) should be cleaned using:

Toothpaste.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sodium hydroxide.	<input type="checkbox"/>
A soapy cotton-tip swab.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sodium hypochlorite.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5 Which statement is correct?:

There is less gingival bleeding associated with a bonded retainer (BR) than a vacuum-formed retainer (VFR).	<input type="checkbox"/>
A VFR is more effective than a BR at maintaining mandibular incisor alignment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
A VFR is at least as effective as a Hawley retainer at maintaining post-treatment stability.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fewer retainer-related problems are reported by those wearing a VFR compared to a BR.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question Section web card.

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CPD Certificate

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Name:

GDC Number:

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Verifiable CPD Hours: 4

Highly recommended topic CPD Hours: 1

Certificate Issued by: Dental Update

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CPD Aims, Objectives and Learning Outcomes

606 RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

The Coping-Retained Bridge: A Modified Approach to Conventional Bridge Design – Review and Case Report

[S Campbell, A Harper and K Scott](#)

CPD Aims, Objectives and Learning Outcomes: To enable identification of edentulous spaces that are difficult to restore with conventional bridge design and how these may be overcome using a modified approach to bridge design.

613 SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY

Special Care Dentistry: Part 1. Dental Management of Patients with Inherited Bleeding Disorders

[S Rafique, J Fiske, G Palmer and B Daly](#)

CPD Aims, Objectives and Learning Outcomes: To provide guidance on dental management of patients with inherited bleeding disorders and how and where the treatment might best be delivered.

630 INFECTION CONTROL

Can Oil Lubricated Dental Handpieces be Sterilized?: Part 2. Literature Review

[R Kudhail](#)

CPD Aims, Objectives and Learning Outcomes: To appraise the literature relating to the sterilization of dental handpieces.

637 RADIOLOGY - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED CORE TOPIC

Printed Radiographs – Is What You See What You Get?

[G Gerrard](#)

CPD Aims, Objectives and Learning Outcomes: To understand the impact of printer and paper quality on the diagnostic information of printed digital panoramic radiographs.

643 DENTAL TRAUMA

Taking the Trauma out of Trauma: An Easy to Follow Guide for the Management of Trauma to the Permanent Dentition

[I White and G Spiers](#)

CPD Aims, Objectives and Learning Outcomes: To understand the appropriate treatment for different types of dental trauma.

659 ORAL SURGERY

The Application of Clinical Audit to Improve Pain Control following Third Molar Surgery

[C Bryant and JP Rood](#)

CPD Aims, Objectives and Learning Outcomes: To understand the role that an evidence-based analgesic prescribing regimen and clear, written patient instructions can play in reducing the post-operative pain experienced by patients following oral surgery and how the success of these can be monitored using clinical audit.

669 ORAL MEDICINE

Giant Cell Arteritis Affecting the Tongue: A Case Report and Review of the Literature

[SWJ Grant, HC Underhill and P Atkin](#)

CPD Aims, Objectives and Learning Outcomes: To highlight the importance of early diagnosis of giant cell arteritis, particularly in the older patient.

Quality Control

Dental Update is a peer reviewed journal. To have gained CPD with Dental Update, the above participant has answered questions in conjunction with the above papers with a correct score of more than 50%.

We confirm that the activity meets the GDC's educational criteria for verifiable CPD. It is important that you keep this certificate for your records - the General Dental Council (GDC) may request details of the courses you have attended.

CPD Certificate: Example.

If you require *Dental Update* to download your certificate, please just either email us or phone and we will send the certificate in the post.

Core subjects or highly recommended topics

These will be highlighted inside the journal and on the CPD questions. We will issue 1 hour of extra CPD for each topic and will state this on your certificate, along

with the CPD relevance, title of the paper and author.

The certificate will change, showing the actual issue date (eg April 2015) rather than the volume number as before, making it specifically clear to the regulator when the actual participation of CPD occurred.

Your CPD certificate will NOT be issued if you fail to score over 50% for the questions of the related articles correctly.