



Figure 3. Patient Concerns Inventory: issues patients want to discuss in clinic.

dental reviews close to the patient's home afford opportunities for screening and reinforcing lifestyle issues (smoking cessation and alcohol reduction) and reduce the inconvenience of travel to the regional cancer centre. Dental and oral health must be maintained at a high level. Chewing is a key concern to patients and the dentition

is also important for appearance, self-esteem and psychosocial well-being. Oral rehabilitation needs to be in keeping with the patient's motivation and needs. If an extraction is required, it is best to consult the regional cancer centre. Guidance concerning dietary intake and caries is important, as is regular use of fluoride preparations, mouth

wetting agents (saliva substitutes) for those patients with a dry mouth and care by the dental hygienist (Figure 3).

Patients surviving oral cancer have many different individual needs to be met, to ensure quality of life and this is achieved by a holistic multidisciplinary approach.

Professor Crispian Scully CBE elected President of the International Academy of Oral Oncology

Professor Crispian Scully has been elected President of the International Academy of Oral Oncology (IAOO) at the Singapore Congress in July.

Professor Scully published a seminal paper in the *Lancet* in 1983 on the association of herpesvirus with lip cancer, subsequently working on human papillomavirus (HPV) in oral cancer, and promoting the concept of cancer as a sexually shared infection. The current epidemic of oropharyngeal cancer in young people is now recognized as

related to HPV infection rather than the well-recognized risk factors of tobacco and alcohol.

Professor Scully also founded the successful journal *Oral Oncology*; is advisor to the Oral Cancer Foundation; and has recently published with Healthcare Learning (Smile-on) a DVD on Oral Cancer, and has >200 papers on cancer cited on MEDLINE, >100 original research papers on cancer, and has published >25 chapters on cancer in books.

