

Bariatric dentistry: managing the plus-size patient

Abstract

The British Society for Disability and Oral Health (BSDH) organised a one-day conference at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London. The programme was entitled 'Bariatric dentistry: managing the plus size patient in special care dentistry'. This paper is a distillation of that conference and discusses obesity as a public health priority. The paper elucidates difficulties that these patients face as a result of their condition, particularly when seeking dental treatment.

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