

Oral and dental aspects of Sjögren's syndrome

Precis: Dentists can play a pivotal role in the diagnosis, investigation and management of patients with Sjögren's syndrome, many of whom have significant oral health needs.

Abstract: Sjögren's syndrome is a common condition which can result in significant physical and emotional debility. Dentists can play a pivotal role in the prompt diagnosis, investigation and management of patients with Sjögren's syndrome. A sound understanding of the pathogenesis, presentation and current management of Sjögren's syndrome, will enable the general dental practitioner to make a significant contribution to the oral health and general well-being of those affected by the disease. This article aims to provide the general dental practitioner with a comprehensive and practical guide to current developments and best practise in the care of these individuals.

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Vocational Training in Ireland: An Overview

Abstract

Vocational training in dentistry in Ireland was first established in 1999 to introduce new graduates to the practice of dentistry and to provide general dental training. The Vocational Dental Practitioner (VDP) spends two days per week in private practice, two days in the health board and one day on day-release attending lectures.

Their salary is paid by the Health Service Executive (HSE).

The VDP completes a portfolio book throughout the year to demonstrate their progress. Vocational training is not currently mandatory in Ireland. However it does come highly recommended as an excellent start to any dental career.

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Avoiding Perforations in Endodontics

Precis: While it will be impossible to eliminate all iatrogenic errors in endodontics, by focusing on key areas during the endodontic process, we can reduce the potential for problems for ourselves and our patients.

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An audit of the laboratory service provided to the health service executive orthodontic department, St James Hospital, Dublin

Abstract

Purpose of the study: To evaluate the service purchased from contracted orthodontic laboratories used by HSE (SWA) regional orthodontic unit, St. James's Hospital, Dublin and identify deficiencies in the current service.

Materials and methods: A data collection questionnaire was designed and distributed to the departmental orthodontists for a period of three months (October-December 2004). Gold standards, drawn up based on the authors' ideal requirements and published guidelines, were supplied to grade the work returned.

Results: During the study period 363 items of laboratory work were requested. 20% of the laboratory work arrived late and most of the delayed work was delayed for more than 24 hours. Most laboratory delays occurred with functional appliances, retainers and study models. Prior to fit, 20% of the appliances required adjustments for more than 30 seconds. 65% of laboratory work returned to the department met all of the gold standards. 10% of appliances were considered unsatisfactory. Functional appliances were most often ill fitting accounting for almost half of the unsatisfactory laboratory work.

Conclusions: The majority of the laboratory work returned to the department met our gold standards and arrived on time. Forty six percent of the appliances required adjustments. Functional appliances required the most adjustments; one in five of all functional appliances ordered were considered unsatisfactory.

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