Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the second edition of my newsletter! In this issue our focus is on the role of mentoring and its value in long-term success with implants. I also have some exciting news about the accreditation by Eduqual of our Postgraduate Certificate in Implant Dentistry course which starts in November - read on for more details and remember to register now as places are filling up fast.

Finally, we’ll touch on the digital workflow we offer here at Manchester Dental Implant Clinic along with options for referrals, which are always welcome for your straightforward, advanced and complex cases. It is also worth remembering that we have a fully-trained medical team to look after medically compromised patients receiving implant treatment on a daycare basis.

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Due to be published in the second half of 2018, the new FGDP(UK) National Standards in Implant Dentistry will clearly define clinical standards in this field which should be met by every dentist who is involved in the provision of implant treatment in the UK.

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Implant Spotlight

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As a global system Neoss offers intelligent products that are intuitively simple to use. Neoss implants allow dental professionals to provide reliable and cost-effective treatments to their patients with excellent long-term results. In developing smart treatment solutions such as the new healing abutments that are designed to act as scan bodies for IOS and working closely with each practice, Neoss makes the complex less complicated. We call that Intelligent Simplicity.

EduQual awards Level 7 accreditation to certificate course

We’re delighted to announce that our Multi-System Certificate Course has achieved EduQual Level 7 accreditation, as a formal Postgraduate Certificate in Implant Dentistry.

This means our renowned course is now a vocationally-related qualification, accredited and awarded by EduQual, an established UK awarding body.

Achieving this status is a significant bonus to our students when striving to become more confident and competent in all aspects of implant dentistry as they will now gain a well-recognised quality assured higher education qualification as opposed to a certificate.

New course dates

Starting 21st November, our Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) in Implant Dentistry is back for 2018 and we’re looking forward to teaching a new cohort of clinicians the theoretical and practical skills to perform dental implants to the highest standard.

This 12-day course covers all aspects of implant dentistry. From basic surgical techniques, patient assessment, treatment planning to bone grafting and technical procedures, our multi-technique approach ensures a fully-rounded learning opportunity.

Book your place today on www.ucer.education

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Digital dentistry is now the way forward for anyone involved in implant dentistry. We provide all our students with the required equipment to carry out their training, including an extra-oral Morita scanner, intraoral digital scanners (e.g. 3Shape/Trios), surgical navigation systems plus the latest software and 3D printers. If you are interested in DWF please contact Mel to arrange a visit to MDIC.

Arrange a visit to check out our digital workflow!

Referrals to Prof Ucer/MDIC for private treatment or training

Prof Ucer’s private practice, the Manchester Dental Implant Clinic (MDIC) has been treating implant patients for the last 25 years, strictly by referral only policy from fellow dental professionals. MDIC is now located within a dedicated daycare suite at ICE School of Implant Dentistry & Hospital in Salford Quays where it shares the facilities with the school.

At MDIC, Prof Ucer’s specialist team of dental and medical staff have all the advanced skills and the very latest equipment to undertake complex implant surgery including oral reconstructive surgery on a referral basis. We keep both the patient and referral dentist fully informed at every stage of treatment and once treatment is complete your patient will be returned to you for continuing care, along with a detailed report of all the treatment that has been performed.

Please address your all your referral (private or for training cases) to Prof Ucer’s attention by email to mel@mdic.co or by post. Also don’t forget to request a NEW referral pack so that you can refer patients with ease in the future!

Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) in Implant Dentistry (EduQual Level 7)

Benefitting from state-of-the-art surgical and teaching facilities at the ICE Hospital, the one-year PGCert in Implant Dentistry (EduQual Level 7) is a vocationally-based qualification accredited and awarded by EduQual, an established UK awarding body.

Specialist Oral Surgeon Professor Cemal Ucer and his team of experts combine academic teaching with practical experience on live patients, using a multi-system approach, to meet the FGDP’s Training Standards in Implant Dentistry (2016).

If you’re a GDP interested in expanding your knowledge of implant dentistry, gaining the required clinical skills to perform treatment or even offer an implant service at your practice, through a quality assured and accredited qualification, then this course is for you.

Learning outcomes

- Develop a strong knowledge of implant dentistry through lectures, tutorials and hands-on practical sessions using major implant systems including Straumann, Megagen & TRI Implants
- Develop the skills required to achieve proficiency in restorative and surgical implant dentistry
- Use the latest digital workflow solutions including 3D printing, intraoral scanning and chairside milling
- Fulfil the learning objectives required to sit the RCSED Diploma in Implant Dentistry (PGDip Imp) or continue to study for an MSc in Implant Dentistry

Come and see our digital workflow

Taking a journey with implants and mentoring

Previous student Dr Jonathan Kenhair shares his experiences of the Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) in Implant Dentistry Course.

Having supervision from an experienced mentor is all about sharing knowledge and experience. The benefit of working with a mentor is that ‘you don’t know what you don’t know’ when you start out in implant dentistry and you really need the help of someone who is vastly experienced or limited in that field.

As a proponent of mentoring, Prof. Cemal Ucer is open, honest and very approachable, and is passionate and extremely knowledgeable about the subject. He takes time to explain things, how to avoid potential problems and how to rectify them if they do occur. Cemal was a huge support with my first implant case and thanks to his guidance, as well as observing both my VT trainer and Cemal in surgery, I was inspired to pursue surgical implant dentistry as my main clinical focus.

Read the full article at ucer.education