

British Society of Prosthodontics (BSSPD): “Hands-On” Tooth Wear Courses



The British Society of Prosthodontics recently staged 3 very successful ‘Tooth Wear’ taster sessions in London, Manchester and Durham as pre-events to its Diamond Jubilee Conference being held in Newcastle on the 25th and 26th March 2013. The day long courses covered modern practical applications and techniques in the management of tooth wear with attendees being provided with important pre-attendance literature in the form of PDFs, hand-outs and the course aims. Included in the days activities was the clinical use of putty matrices to aid the direct composite restoration of anterior maxillary teeth, ‘dentine-bonded crown’ preparations and tooth preparations for worn teeth posterior with adhesive tooth-coloured or cast metal onlays. For many delegates this was the first time they had been exposed to some of the clinical techniques demonstrated so being able to witness first hand prosthodontic preparing and finishing teeth was most welcome; equally important was the opportunity to practise and perfect preparation techniques on several teeth in small groups under expert guidance. In addition to the personal approach the course teachers were also able to supplement their teaching with their own excellent high definition clinical videos illustrating the clinical techniques in practice.

The day also included discussions around the current clinical evidence on tooth wear, de-novo and repeat performance of direct composite restorations, the use and tolerance of the ‘Dahl’ concept and the provisional restorations for teeth prepared to receive the restorations proposed.

It was evident that delegates enjoyed and appreciated most sincerely the approachable, friendly and colligate approach taken by the course providers (Mr Peter Briggs, Dr Julian Satterthwaite, Mr Richard Porter, Mr Arijit Ray-Chaudhuri, Mr James Field,) along with their ability to demonstrate (with handpiece-in-hand) how things can be done well and what should be aimed for. Not only was the feedback very positive the opportunity to showcase what the Diamond Jubilee Conference aims to achieve through the provision of a practical and relevant prosthodontic courses to general practitioners and specialists alike was warmly welcomed.

The society would like to thank all attendees along with the teachers and Louise Brumer, Sales Specialist for Dentsply who supplied much of the dental materials used.



‘Very relevant to everyday practice’

‘Fantastic hands on, lots of practical tips’

‘All tutors really helpful and able to show they can do what they say’

“Enjoyed the mix of practical and the theory behind it all”