



Denplan Stairway Programme

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Introduction

The Denplan Stairway Programme is a structured postgraduate development initiative relevant to all dentists in every sector of general practice. It gives you the opportunity to gain verifiable CPD and earn educational credits towards an MSc from Birmingham University in Primary Dental Care, in a very flexible way.

Programme Structure

- The programme is made up of 12 units
- Units one to ten are Training Events, followed by completion of a practice project
- Each Training Event provides six hours of verifiable Continuing Professional Development (vCPD), and the practice project provides a further 14 hours
- Each completed unit gives you two educational credits
- Delegates on a Training Event who wish to pursue the topic further will receive a CD containing a practice project protocol. On completion of the project or audit, it is submitted electronically to the Programme Co-ordinator for validation
- Only delegates attending a Training Event can submit practice projects for validation
- Unit 11 consists of full attendance at the Denplan National Conference and completion of a mini Personal Development Profile (PDP). This gives you two educational credits
- Unit 12 consists of Denplan Excel Accreditation and gives you four educational credits
- Units one, two and three are compulsory for attaining the award
- You require a total of 20 educational credits to gain the Denplan Stairway Award. An application has been made for this to be used towards an MSc in Primary Dental Care from Birmingham University
- Units can be completed in any order and there is no time limit for completion
- You can attend as many Training Events as you want

Programme Co-ordinator - Dr Mike Busby

For details of dates and locations please visit www.denplan.co.uk/dentists/training or contact Denplan Training on freephone 0800 587 5533

Unit 1 (Compulsory Unit) Patient Governance

Dr Mike Busby

How to use clinical governance and management skills to help maintain practice success.

Objectives:

1. Identify the principal needs of patients as dental consumers
2. Discuss how to use management and governance principles to deliver these needs and therefore run a successful practice
3. Explore the importance of measurement in patient management
4. Map your compliance with current clinical governance requirements on patient-centred issues

Practice project

Run the patient survey supplied on your CD. In a team meeting discuss results, comparing your scores for different issues and with the peer average results. Develop a practice action plan for improvements, where results indicate, on the mini Team Development Plan (mini-TDP) provided. Submit results and the mini-TDP for validation.

Unit 2 (Compulsory Unit) Team Governance

Dr Mike Busby

How to use clinical governance, management and leadership skills to maintain a happy and effective dental team.

Objectives:

1. Identify the key principles of effective team management
2. Discuss how to use leadership, management and governance principles to maintain a successful dental team
3. Explore the importance of measurement in team management
4. Map your compliance with current clinical governance requirements on team-centred issues

Practice project

Run the team survey supplied on your CD. In a team meeting discuss the results. Develop a practice action plan to manage problems highlighted by the results on the mini-TDP form provided. Submit results and the mini-TDP for validation.



Unit 3 (Compulsory Unit) CPD Essentials

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Subject matter to be covered:

1. Infection Control
2. Radiology
3. CPR
4. Medical Emergencies

Objectives:

To cover core CPD subjects required by the GDC

Practice project

Discuss the implementation of 'Best Practice' in infection control as defined in HTM-01 05 in a team meeting and develop a budgeted action plan. Submit the budgeted action plan for validation in the mini-TDP format supplied.

Unit 4 Clinical Consultations

Professor Mike Mulcahy

A review of best practice in conducting clinical consultations for the general dental practitioner.

Objectives:

1. Explore current professional standards for clinical examination and record keeping
2. Discuss the value of special tests as diagnostic aids including radiography
3. Establish processes for arriving at an evidence-based diagnosis and treatment plan with each patient
4. Identify the communication skills required to support the clinical consultation, including rapport building with your patients

Practice project

Undertake the Clinical Evaluation Exercise (mini-CEX) supplied on your CD with peer observation of a recall patient examination. Also undertake the Team Assessment of Behaviour (TAB) exercise using a minimum of three team members. Write an action plan of personal developments (mini-PDP) that you will make in light of the feedback on the form provided. Submit the completed mini-CEX and TAB assessments with your resulting mini-PDP for validation.

Unit 5 Deep Pockets

Professor Iain Chapple

A review of best practice in periodontology for the general dental practitioner

Objectives:

1. Establish contemporary methods for the diagnosis and the risk assessment of patients in respect of to periodontal disease
2. Consider the evidence base for the management of patients with periodontal disease
3. Explore the evidence for the relationship of periodontal disease to systemic disease
4. Discuss methods for achieving patient compliance with periodontal treatment

Practice project

Categorise 100 sequential adult patients attending your practice for examination into three risk groups for periodontal disease, (A: low risk B: medium risk C: high risk) using evidence based criteria. Submit a report indicating the criteria, the evidence base used and the numbers of patients allocated to each group for validation. Indicate briefly in the report your patient management policy for each risk group.

Unit 6 Pulp Affliction

Professor Phillip Lumley

A review of current best practice in endodontics.

Objectives:

1. Discuss the management of patients with pulpal and peri-radicular disease
2. Explore contemporary principles of endodontic therapy
3. Consider the use of modern techniques, materials and equipment in endodontic therapy.
4. Establish the principles of re-treatment and surgical endodontics

Practice project

Conduct the retrospective endodontic audit protocol found on your CD. Submit your results and a report of actions you intend to take as a result of this audit on the mini-PDP form provided on the CD for validation.



Unit 7 Size Matters

Professor Trevor Burke

A look at the importance of, and techniques for, preserving natural tissues in general dental practice.

Objectives:

1. Establish the importance of tissue preservation
2. Explore techniques for the prevention of dental caries, tooth wear and trauma
3. Investigate minimally invasive direct and indirect restorative techniques
4. Review the opportunity for minimally invasive cosmetic solutions

Practice project

Conduct the prospective clinical audit of restorations you have provided using the protocol on your CD. Submit the results and a report of actions you intend to take as a result of the audit on the mini-PDP form provided for validation.

Unit 8 Prosthetic Paradise

Dr Neil Wilson

A review of current best practice in prosthetics.

Objectives:

1. Explore the principles of the construction and design of removable prostheses
2. Investigate aesthetic considerations in the construction of dentures
3. Review useful techniques for the management of the challenging case
4. Establish how to get the best from your laboratory technician

Practice project

Conduct the prospective audit on removable prostheses you have made for patients described on your CD. Submit the results of this audit together with a report on actions you intend to take as a result of the audit on the mini-PDP form provided for validation.

Unit 9 Implanting Ideas

Dr Jerry Watson

An introduction to the contemporary scope of implant dentistry in general practice.

Objectives:

1. Explore the principles of implant based restorative dentistry
2. Discuss how to assess and select cases
3. Consider the application of basic surgical techniques for implant dentistry
4. Establish the clinical indications and contra-indications for implant based restorative dentistry

Practice project

Assess the potential need for implant-based restorations in your patient base following the protocol described on your CD. Submit the results and a report of actions you intend to take to manage this potential need on the mini-PDF form provided for validation.

Unit 10 A Bridge Too Far?

Dr Martin Lovell

A review of current best practice in advanced restorative dentistry.

Objectives:

1. Establish the evidence base for advanced restorative dentistry
2. Discuss the principles of advanced crown and bridge work
3. Explore the common causes of failure of advanced restorative dentistry
4. Consider the restoration of partial or complete edentulism using crown and bridge methods and implant procedures

Practice project

Undertake the Direct Observation of Procedures (DOP) protocol by peer review for a crown or bridge preparation visit. Also conduct a Case-based Discussion (CbD) on an advanced restorative case you have treated with a Peer following the protocol described on the CD. Submit a copy of the completed CbD and DOP forms for validation.



Unit 11

The Denplan National Conference

This conference is held every 18 months with a different and varied clinical and management programme. It runs for three consecutive days.

Delegates can claim two educational credits if they are certified as attending the whole programme and submit the mini Personal Development Profile (PDP) (provided in the conference pack)

Unit 12

Denplan Excel Accreditation

The successful accomplishment of Denplan Excel Accreditation requires an initial training course and organising the practice team structure and practice processes. A facilitated practice visit by a qualified Practice Advisor who holds the FGDP Certificate in Practice Appraisal will be arranged and the standard confirmed. An audit of oral health using the Denplan Excel Oral Health Score is mandatory. An independent patient feedback survey is also mandatory and practices are supported in analysing these by their Consultant. Approximately every 18 months the practice is revisited by a Practice Advisor to confirm that the standard is being maintained. This visit always includes further audit (e.g. record keeping, radiology and team management).

Ongoing Accreditation will be recognised by the award of four educational credits

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