



The British Society of Dental Hygiene & Therapy

THE ORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

ILLUMINATING SMILES • INSPIRING CHANGE • IMPACTING COMMUNITIES

27-28 NOVEMBER 2026 ICC WALES

• Join us to explore how oral health professionals can transform communities and create lasting impact.



Friday 27 November

07:30-09:00	Registration		
08:00	Exhibition and refreshments open		
08:00-08:45	Breakfast session		
	TBC		
09:00-10:00	Plenary session		
09:00-09:15	President's welcome and end of presidency speech <i>Rhiannon Jones, President, BSDHT</i>		
09:15-10:00	Plenary speaker: Addressing health inequalities for children and young people with disabilities in the UK <i>Dr Urshla Devalia, Consultant Paediatric Dentist, National Lead for Mini Mouth Care Matters, and Immediate Past President for the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry</i>		
10:00-10:40	Refreshments, exhibition and posters		
10:40-11:40	Parallel sessions A		
	A1: Different roles, shared goals - the importance of team work <i>Dr Ian Dunn, Specialist Periodontist, and Helen Minnery, Dental Hygienist (supported by Oral-B)</i>	A2: Oral nicotine pouches - an evidence-based view of the trends, risks and health outcomes <i>Dr Latha Davda, Civilian Dental Surgeon, Ministry of Defence</i>	A3: The myths and facts of prescribing and interpreting radiographs for the dental hygienist and the dental therapist <i>Dr Jimmy Makdissi, Consultant Dental and Maxillofacial Radiologist and Senior Clinical Lecturer, Queen Mary University of London</i>
11:45-12:30	AGM		
11:45-12:30	BSDHT Annual General Meeting (AGM)		
12:30-13:30	Lunch, exhibition and posters		
13:30-14:25	Plenary session		
13:30-13:40	President's handover <i>Rhiannon Jones, President, and Simone Ruzario, President Elect, BSDHT</i>		
13:40-14:25	Plenary speaker: Minimally invasive and patient-centred management of dentine hypersensitivity – a sustainable clinical workflow <i>Professor Aylin Baysan, Professor in Cariology in Minimally Invasive (MI) Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London</i>		

14:30-15:30	Parallel sessions B		
	B1: The behavioural influence on a patient of a clinician's choice of topic-specific words - a pilot study that informs the development of trustable knowledge <i>Dr Hafeez Ahmed, Periodontist, The Binswood House Dental Practice, Warwickshire</i>	B2: Managing the elderly <i>Leon Bassi, Clinical Lecturer, Restorative Dentistry (Dental Therapy), University of Liverpool</i>	B3: A stitch in time - applying the S3 Guidelines to the management of peri-implant diseases <i>Dr Claire McCarthy, Clinical Research Fellow and Clinical Teacher Periodontology, King's College London</i> (Runs until 15:45)

15:30-16:00	Refreshments, exhibition and posters
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16:00-16:55	Plenary session and awards
16:05-16:10	Award presentations: Member of the Year award
16:10-16:55	Plenary speaker: Gingivitis guidelines <i>Dr Jeanie Suvan, Clinical Lecturer, Oral Sciences, University of Glasgow, and panel discussion</i>

19:45 for 20:15	Friday night party (by purchased ticket only) – Coldra Court Hotel (Coldra Wood, The Usk Valley, Chepstow Rd, Newport NP18 1HQ)
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Saturday 28 November

08:45-09:45	Registration		
09:00	Exhibition and refreshments open		
09:00-09:40	Breakfast session		
	TBC		
09:45-10:50	Plenary session		
09:45-09:55	Welcome – day 2 <i>Simone Ruzario, President, BSDHT</i>		
09:55-10:40	Plenary speaker: Comfortably numb - an update on local anaesthesia <i>Professor Tara Renton, OBE, Emeritus Professor Oral Surgery, King's College London; and Honorary Consultant, King's College Hospital</i>		
10:40-10:50	Dr Gerald Leatherman Award presentation		
10:50-11:20	Refreshments, exhibition and posters		
11:20-12:20	Parallel sessions C		
	C1: Oral bacteria - friend or foe? <i>Dr Victoria Sampson, Founder, THS Labs (supported by EMS)</i>	C2: Change is your sign - advancing policy action for beginners <i>Dr Rachael England, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Oral Health Foundation</i>	C3: How to support, treat and empower the neurodivergent community <i>Dr Annie Clements, Founder & Chief Executive, Autism and ADHD</i>
12:25-13:25	Parallel sessions D		
	D1: Clinical imaging in periodontics - transforming patient management <i>Dr Jumoke Adeyemi, Senior Clinical Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Periodontology, University of Liverpool</i>	D2: MiC: Masterclass in communication <i>Dr Jin J Vaghela, Clinical Director & Clinical Educator; and Dr Ali Chohan, Clinical Adviser, NHS England & Clinical Adviser, GDC</i> (Runs until 13:40)	D3: Back to reality - what everybody needs to know about back pain <i>Conor Creedon, Back Pain Specialist Physiotherapist, and Associate Lecturer, CCCU</i>
13:25-14:25	Lunch, exhibition and posters		
14:25-15:25	Parallel sessions E		
	E1: Managing peri-implant diseases - diagnosis, therapy and referral pathways <i>Dr Crystal Marruganti, Dentist with Special Interest in Periodontics, Researcher, and Educator</i>	E2: Bridging the gap - evidence and enablers of minimally invasive dentistry <i>Heather Lundbeck, Clinical Lecturer in Paediatric Dentistry, Cardiff University</i>	E3: Getting the wider team looking, thinking, and seeing dental sleep and airway problems <i>Dr Aston Parmar, Dentist with a specialist interest in Dental Sleep Medicine</i>

15:30-16:25	Plenary session and awards
15:30-16:15	Holes and pockets - oral health perspectives from The Two Profs <i>Fireside chat with Professor Iain Chapple, Clinical Professor of Periodontology, University of Birmingham & Birmingham NIHR Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) in Inflammation; Professor Avijit Banerjee, Professor of Cariology & Operative Dentistry, King's College London, & Hon Consultant & Clinical Lead, Restorative Dentistry, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust; and Miranda Steeples, Past President, BSDHT, and DCP Adviser, DDU (session supported by Oral-B)</i>
16:15-16:20	Award presentations • Poster competition winners
16:20-16:25	Closing comments <i>Simone Ruzario, President, BSDHT</i>
16:25	Close of conference