The Longest Ever Root Canal

Julian has just treated the longest root in his 35 year career as an endodontist. The canine in question (13) had already been prepared for a crown so thankfully, he reports, the treatment could be completed without the temporary in place. Its length from the incisal edge was 31mm. Had the tooth been intact, it would have been around 45mm in length. Technically, says Julian, it was very challenging. Although endodontic files are available in 31 mm lengths, such items as pluggers, GP points and paper points are not. Products had to be pre-shaped for use in such a long root. But it wasn’t Julian who improvised, it was the patient! Why? Because the patient was Trevor Lamb. Incidentally, the Wand was used for anaesthesia and Trevor had to admit, said Julian, the experience was painless. Julian will now treat Trevor's 23 with confidence in due course!

What do you think of us?

Please click here to take our online survey.

We regularly review our services to you and your patients. With this in mind, we have drawn up a short survey with just three questions. It will only take a minute of your time and every response is anonymous. To take part, please click on the link above. We very much look forward to getting feedback and will let you know the results in our next e-zine.

A Splash at Cologne

Julian was at the International Dental Show in Cologne helping Dentsply Maillefer launch their new nickel titanium rotary file, ProTaper Next. He gave hourly demonstrations at the stand’s training station. Julian said: “The product is quite unlike anything else on the market, with its “swaggering” snake-like movement. It will revolutionise rotary root canal preparation.”

Calling Young Dentists for Endo Award

Applications are now open for the Young Dentist Endodontic Award 2013 and like last year, we have over £3k worth of endodontic kit for the winners. First prize is a full WaveOne kit from Dentsply and the winner’s case to be published in a leading UK journal, second prize a Morita Root ZX Apex Locator from
Quality Endodontic Distributors (QED) and for the third prize winner, a Vitality Scanner from SybronEndo.

**Click here** to download the Application from our website.

Alongside the prizes the three winners will be invited to spend the day at the Harley Street Centre for Endodontics on Thursday 10 October prior to the award presentation that evening. This is a fantastic training opportunity for the winning young dentists.

Our 2012 winners tell us that this award had a positive impact on them early in their dental career. We've made the application process simple and the form can be downloaded from our website. The deadline is July 31st. Do spread the word to anyone you think might be interested.

**When toPrescribe Antibiotics**

Following the Chief Medical Officer’s statement on antimicrobial resistance, we plan to develop some guidance on when it is advisable to prescribe antibiotics for patients. In the meantime, referring dentists are very welcome to call the practice if they would like some advice from Trevor or Julian on this issue.

**Spotlight on...Eva**

Patient care is a very rewarding aspect of Eva Szabo’s job as an endodontic nurse. She finds it satisfying to see patients who are liberated from toothache come to appreciate the care and the choices available to them at the clinic.

When she joined us, she had been working as a dental nurse but had no experience of endodontic practice. She was trained in the use of microscope and is now a valued team member, most often working alongside Trevor. Eva has lived and worked in the UK for many years and after more than four years with us, is familiar to our regular patients and referring dentists.