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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

PRESIDENT: Mr Neil Poyser

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It is a great honour and privilege to serve as President of the society for 2026-27. Whether you are discovering the BSSPD for the first time, are early in your career, or an experienced clinician looking to expand your knowledge and professional network, I warmly welcome you to our society.

The BSSPD is committed to promoting excellence in prosthodontics through high-quality education, collaboration and professional support. We provide an extensive educational programme, reference documents and a large ongoing webinar library covering topics relevant to general practice, specialist practice and hospital care. This year, we are excited to launch our new BSSPD podcast series, creating another engaging way for members to learn from leading practitioners and colleagues across the profession.

I am excited to welcome delegates to our 2027 annual conference in Nottingham: Prosthodontics – The Detail Matters. The meeting will explore the important prosthodontic principles and clinical skills that remain essential in the modern era of digital workflows and artificial intelligence. I am particularly proud of the support the society offers colleagues early in their careers. Many colleagues have personally spoken to me about the positive impact the society had on their professional development and the friendships created. Through prizes, awards, presentations and mentoring, we aim to encourage the next generation of clinicians and specialists.

Most importantly, the society is welcoming and inclusive. I encourage all clinicians with an interest in prosthodontics to become members, attend our events and considering becoming involved with council. I look forward to working closely with our members and council to continue to promote and develop the society for the future. I am grateful for this opportunity and for your support.

Mr Neil J. Poyser, President 2026-27



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2027



Prosthodontics: The Details Matter

East Midlands Conference Centre
Nottingham

Thursday 29th - Friday 30th
April 2027



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Our programme will bring together leading speakers and colleagues to explore contemporary prosthodontics – from core clinical concepts to multidisciplinary care – including opportunities for discussion, debate and hands-on learning.

Whether you are starting out in your career or an experienced clinician, there will be something to challenge, update and inspire.

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REVIEW:

Prosthodontic Education – Preparing for a Changing World

Dr Upen Patel, Immediate Past President



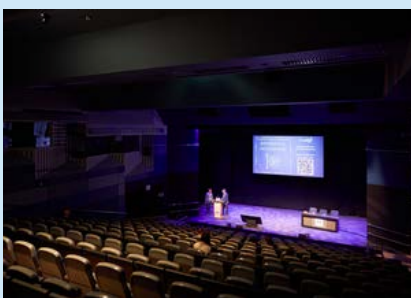
This was the 72nd British Society of Prosthodontics (BSSPD) annual conference. The theme this year was one very close to my heart and has been a large focus of my career in Dentistry; 'Prosthodontic Education – Preparing for a Changing World'. Covid has sharpened our awareness of and abilities to be adaptable and versatile. We are in the 'New Normal' and change will forever be a part of our careers.



"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." I recently found out that it may not have been Albert Einstein who said this quote, regardless, the words hold true and we must change to progress. This conference explored the who, why, where, what and how we are doing things differently to ensure our patients and future Prosthodontists are looked after and prepared. This is our ongoing mission of the BSSPD.

Day One: Thursday 16th April 2026

The day started with registration, refreshments and setting up posters in the exhibition hall of the venue. The sponsors all managed to get themselves set up and the conference was opened by Upen Patel, welcoming the delegates and thanking our sponsors for their support.



In session 1, chaired by Steve Bonsor, Raj Dubal kicked off the conference with his presentation; Wax to Workflows: Preparing Prosthodontists for Today & Tomorrow's Practice. He delivered an intriguing and detailed journey from analogue working to digital workflows. His approach to embracing digital technology and recognising limitations was impressive and set the tone of change for this conference. He was followed by Avijit Banerjee, presenting on Minimum Intervention Oral Care (MIOC) and helping us to understand the importance of prevention, restoration and the restorative cycle. A lively and engaging presentation which stressed the importance of prosthodontic dentistry and its position within the profession.

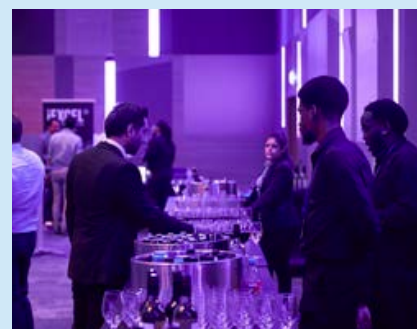


Following a short break allowing delegates to refresh with snacks and fluids and an opportunity to meet with sponsors and others, session 2 started chaired by Shakeel Shahdad. The two presenters in this session, Riaz Yar and Balvinder Khambay, without pre-planning, had unknowingly prepared and delivered two highly complementary presentations on the subjects of facial imaging and digital occlusion which were visually engaging and sparked much curiosity and discussion for the art of the possible.



Lunch, exhibition and poster judging were in full swing making it a challenge to get all the delegates back into the auditorium for the start of session 3 where Janie Ellis delivered a key presentation on Educating for the Future Workforce, presenting her journey and preparing us all for the generations to come and ideas on how to manage their education. Rupert Austin and Kalpesh Bavisha updated the delegates on the new Prosthodontic and Restorative Specialty Training Programmes and Royal College examinations.

Short break and session 3 started with Rana Al-Falaki delivering her concept of NAILING IT: Wellbeing and Leadership Strategies for Optimal Performance in a Changing World. Rana used her own journeys as examples to help us to reflect on ourselves, but also our colleagues to help us to better understand the world we are in and to ensure that helping ourselves is important to allow us to help others. Day one concluded with the Gold Medal award ceremony, AGM and a networking and social reception which was well received allowing delegates to meet people in a relaxed environment and engage with the sponsors present. A good time was had by all and required the President to usher the delegates on to the vibrant evening ahead of them in Birmingham.



Day Two: Friday 17th April 2026

Day two started with the buzz and anticipation of the upcoming Schottlander awards judging and ceremony at the end of the day. In the first session of the day Neil Poyser chaired presentations by Simon Stone and Martin Ashley updating us on Endodontics and Hypodontia respectively. Both presentations were great updates and helped to ground our knowledge linking into the need for Prosthodontics for long-term survival of Restorative Dentistry.



Gerry McKenna chaired the Schottlander Oral Prize Presentations which were judged by Neil Poyser and Upen Patel. All four presentations were of the highest quality, identifying some of the excellent work being undertaken in units across the UK. The session concluded with a presentation by Elizabeth King who had been working with BSSPD to develop an Undergraduate Prosthodontic Curriculum. Her work has been submitted for publication and will be a great asset for Prosthodontic education.



Sarra Jawad chaired the session after lunch, with thought provoking presentations guiding us to challenge the research and our own capabilities to ensure the best patient care is delivered. Aws Alani delivered an inspiring presentation on Implant Dentistry Education: Everyone wants the view, nobody wants the climb, and Owen Addison delivered Materials Decision Making in the era of evidence overload. Owen's presentation very much demonstrated how published research has changed over the years and the need to ensure we evaluate the information with care.



Stephanie Hackett chaired the final session of the conference, a presentation delivered by Harry Reintsema, Development of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics in an ever-changing world. Harry's presentation demonstrated how Maxillofacial Prosthodontics has emerged as its own specialty and the challenges and opportunities that exist in this area.



Finally, Gerry McKenna announced the awards offered by BSSPD as well as those successful recipients who came onto stage in turn to receive their certificates and handshake. BSSPD chains of office were handed over to Neil Poyser, the new President of BSSPD, and Neil presented to the delegation next year's conference in Nottingham and drew to a close the 2026 BSSPD conference.

PRIZE WINNERS 2026

The Gold Medal

The Gold medal is the highest accolade which the society can award. This award is presented only once every three years to an individual who has made 'exceptional contributions to the furtherance/development of Prosthodontics' in the following domains: clinical, research, education, BSSPD involvement.



We are delighted to announce that our 2026 BSSPD Gold Medal Award is presented to Professor Chris Butterworth. He is a Consultant in Oral Rehabilitation & Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at Aintree University Hospital & Liverpool Dental Hospital. He is also an Honorary Professor in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics within the Faculty of Health & Life Sciences at the University of Liverpool.

A graduate of Liverpool Dental School, Prof. Butterworth took up his substantive consultant post in Aintree in 2003 following completion of higher specialist training in Restorative Dentistry. His clinical work is focused on Prosthodontic rehabilitation for patients with head and neck oncology. He has pioneered the provision of primary dental and zygomatic implant placement at the time of resective surgery for head and neck oncology patients in Liverpool in order to provide rapid Prosthetic rehabilitation.

In 2017, he first described the Zygomatic Implant Perforated (ZIP) flap technique to provide a one stage method for maxillary reconstruction which combines soft tissue transfer with immediate dental rehabilitation. This pioneering clinical advancement has been adopted by a large number of centres both nationally and internationally to provide significantly improved clinical outcomes for countless oncology patients.

Prof. Butterworth has been actively involved in clinical research both in evaluating the ZIP flap technique and as an investigator for a number of other large scale clinical trials including HOPON and RAPTOR funded by NIHR and CRUK. He has published more than 90 peer reviewed journal articles and abstracts and contributed invited chapters to 6 textbooks. The high quality of his research has been acknowledged with a number of national and international awards including the Schottlander Oral Presentation from this society in 2018.

PRIZE WINNERS 2026

Within education, Prof. Butterworth has shaped the careers of countless junior staff, specialist trainees and consultants within our speciality and has been associate Postgraduate Dental Dean for the North West since 2022. He also contributes to both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching at the University of Liverpool where he holds an honorary chair. He continues to educate clinicians from all around the world on the use of zygomatic implants in head and neck oncology patients and runs cadaver training courses specifically to train teams to use these implants and to teach them the ZIP flap technique.

In addition to these achievements, Prof. Butterworth has made substantial contributions to the BSSPD over many years. He served initially as a council member from 2003 until 2014 fulfilling a number of important roles. He was elected as President of BSSPD in 2011, hosting a very successful annual meeting in Liverpool. During this time, he contributed to the modernisation of the BSSPD, overhauling the society's website and introducing our inaugural webinar programme. He also sought to broaden the appeal of the society through the development of the BSSPD national roadshows. Not content, Chris returned to BSSPD Council in 2020 as the Award's Administrator and completed another 4 years in this role.

It is hard to imagine a more fitting recipient of this award. It gives us great pleasure as the society to present Professor Chris Butterworth with the BSSPD Gold Medal 2026.



PRIZE WINNERS 2026

The Schottlander Oral Prize

This award is for the best Oral Presentation delivered to the Annual Conference of the Society. The British Society of Prosthodontics, in association with Schottlander, offer an annual prize of £1,000 together with a certificate to the principal author of an oral presentation given at the annual conference of the society.



The Schottlander Oral Prize was awarded in 2026 to Mr Alex Gormley for his presentation entitled 'Where are the dental technicians? Structural mathematical modelling of workforce supply and demand in the United Kingdom'

The Schottlander Poster Prize

The Schottlander Poster Prize is awarded to the best poster at the annual conference relating to Prosthodontics, typically laboratory or clinically based research, clinical methodology, clinical case presentations or educational research and implementation.

The Schottlander Poster Prize was awarded in 2026 to Mrs Emma Foster-Thomas for her poster entitled 'A qualitative study of patient experiences of dentofacial adverse effects after proton therapy.'



BSSPD Early Career Award

The BSSPD Early Career Poster Awards are open to final-year students or those within 12 months of BDS qualification, recognising outstanding prosthodontic cases involving either fixed or removable prosthodontic treatment. Up to three winners each year will receive a £150 cash prize, a certificate, and a £50 discount on the conference fee if shortlisted.

The winner of the 2026 BSSPD Early Career award was Emily Thomas from UCLAN for her poster entitled 'Balancing Biomechanics and Biology: A Prosthodontic-Periodontal Conundrum in Strategic Tooth Loss Planning'



PRIZE WINNERS 2026

Kulzer Undergraduate Award

This award is made for the best critical review received by BSSPD on a subject related to Prosthodontics. The prize takes the form of a monetary award of £250 together with a certificate. The recipient of the award will be invited to the BSSPD Annual Conference as a guest of the society.



The winner of the 2026 Kulzer award was Dalia Najim from University of Birmingham for her essay entitled 'From Bite to Byte: a critical review of removable partial denture design education'

BSSPD Awards Up for Grabs

The Gold Medal - The highest accolade which the BSSPD awards. This award is presented only once every three years to an individual who has made 'exceptional contributions to the furtherance/development of Prosthodontics' in the following domains: clinical, research, education and personal contribution to the BSSPD. Last awarded to Professor Chris Butterworth in 2026.

BSSPD Research Award - This award of up to £10,000 seeks to support early career researchers in the field of Prosthodontics to undertake high-quality research that benefits patients.

In-Training Award - This award of up to £1500 is intended to support those in specialist training in Prosthodontics or Restorative Dentistry who are members of BSSPD, to obtain further clinical, audit or research experience in prosthodontics, in a unit away from the one at which they are normally based.

Schottlander Oral Prize - A prize of £1,000 for a twenty-minute Oral Presentation delivered to the Annual Conference of the Society in the advancement of knowledge in Prosthodontics.

Schottlander Poster Prize - Schottlander also provide a prize for the best Poster Display. This takes the form of a cash award of £400 for the winner.

BSSPD Early Career Awards - These awards are made to BSSPD members who are within 12 months of qualification, or undergraduates in their final year of study. The candidates are required to present a poster at the Annual BSSPD Conference, with up to three winners being awarded £150, as well as £50 off their conference booking fee.

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CONFERENCE PHOTOS 2026

Our thanks to Joel Knight for the photography from the 2026 BSSPD Conference.
See all the highlights below!



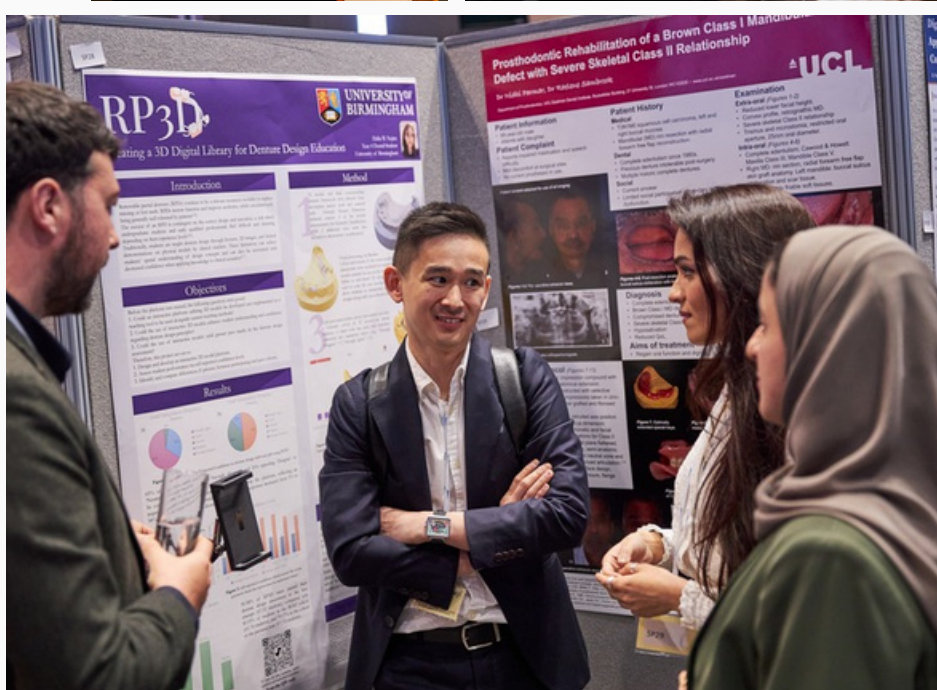
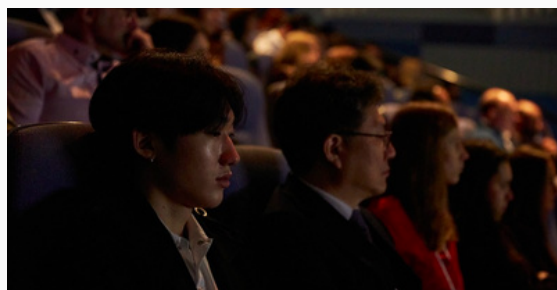
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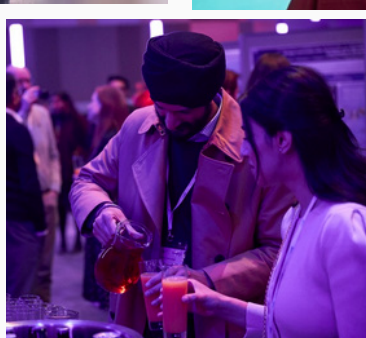
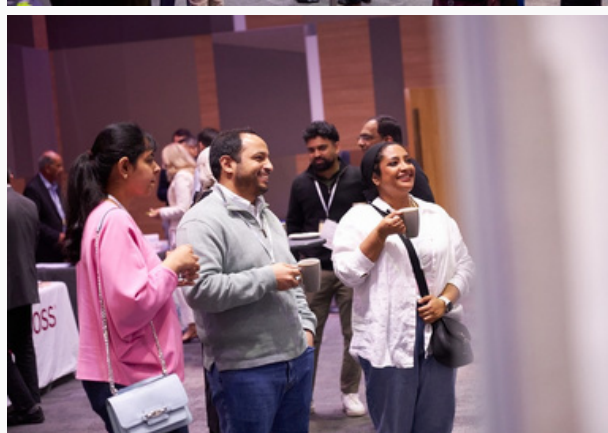
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In-Training Award Report: A Prosthodontic Elective at the Institute of Science, Tokyo

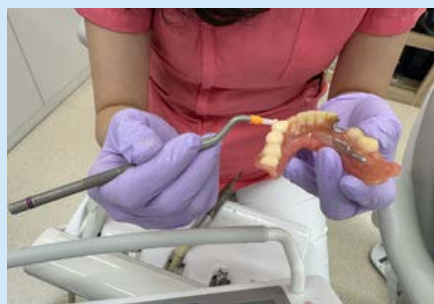
Dr Ursala Jogezai

With the generous support of BSSPD, I spent two weeks at the Institute of Science, Tokyo (formerly Tokyo Medical and Dental University), one of Japan's foremost academic dental institutions. My aim was to observe prosthodontic practice at a high level, compare it with UK approaches, and return with fresh ideas to bring into my own clinical work.

Prosthodontics and Gerodontology

The prosthodontic department was where I spent the majority of my time, and the experience was immediately striking. Clinicians worked with a calm, methodical pace that prioritised precision over speed. Chairside denture additions, relines, and repairs were completed with a level of artistry I had not previously encountered — including a memorable beading technique using Tokuyama and stainless steel wire reinforcement that underscored the department's commitment to craftsmanship.

Zirconia had almost entirely replaced PFM and gold restorations across the department. This shift was driven both by the national insurance system and by a genuine clinical consensus: zirconia had proven its durability, accuracy, and ease of fabrication via CAD-CAM. Full-mouth reconstructions combining zirconia crowns with implant-supported bridges were performed routinely, and temporary crowns were fabricated chairside with impressive efficiency using minimal material.



Due to a large aging population in Japan, removable prosthodontic work forms a large part of the overall clinical output.



Some of the techniques I saw being used during impression taking were very insightful.

Nursing support was limited, postgraduate students assisted in clinic, which meant consultants were highly self-sufficient, managing every stage of care themselves.

Periodontology and Implantology

In the implantology department I observed guided surgery using the X-Guide system, ridge

ridge preservation techniques following explantation, and the use of 3D-printed socket replicas for pre-surgical planning. A notable difference was that the approach amongst Japanese clinicians is that they will provide most of the treatment themselves therefore specialism, in the way that we understand it, is quite different there.



For example, most clinicians in the periodontology department undertook minor tooth movement techniques using rigid stainless-steel wires fixed with GIC, simple yet highly effective approaches that challenge assumptions about

what requires orthodontic referral.

Research and Clinical Integration

Research was woven into everyday clinical practice in a way that felt genuinely integrated rather than parallel.



All post graduate studies involved research. Ongoing studies included RCTs on ridge preservation and implant timing, collaboration with Zurich evaluating alloplastic regenerative materials, and comparative studies of 3D-printed versus conventional dentures (conventional currently outperforming on

durability and aesthetics). Clinical protocols were actively shaped by these findings.

Reflections

The experience confirmed that excellent prosthodontic care does not require cutting-edge facilities, the hospital infrastructure was relatively dated, yet the standard of work was consistently high. The cultural emphasis on sustainability, minimal waste, and patient compliance created conditions in which thoughtful, unhurried treatment planning could flourish. I returned with new techniques, renewed enthusiasm for the specialty, and a broader appreciation of global prosthodontic practice.

I am sincerely grateful to BSSPD for funding this experience. It would not have been possible without your support, and I hope this account encourages future students to apply for the elective fund.



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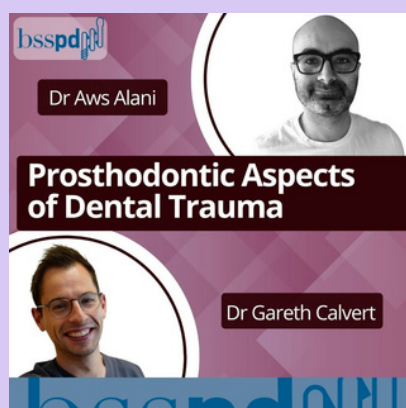
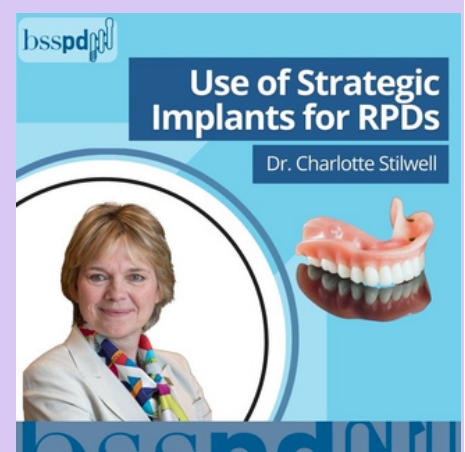
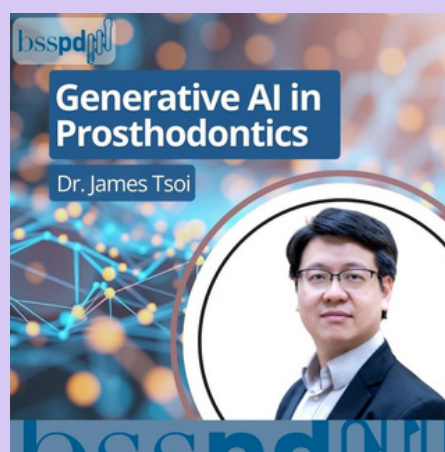
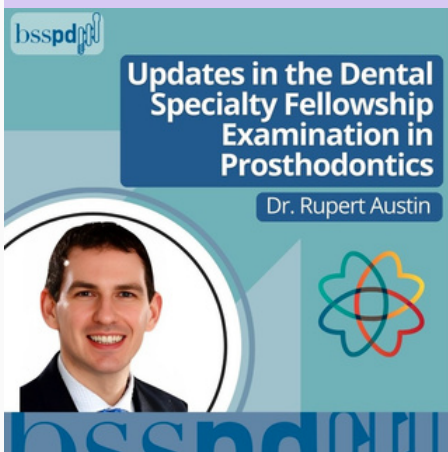
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New BSSPD Webinar Podcast Series 2026

Dr Cat Black

The first two webinars of our popular webinar series have been released, with the remaining three to be released monthly, over the next three months. The webinars have been delivered by key speakers and opinion leaders in all areas of prosthodontics, offering verifiable CPD from the comfort of your own home. After listening to member feedback, we are excited to announce the introduction of BSSPD Podcasts which are in production. Keep your eyes peeled!

On Demand CPD: Our entire catalogue of Prosthodontic verifiable CPD is available to our members for free. They are also available to non-members at a cost of £10 per webinar. If you miss any webinars, they will be uploaded to the website to view 'on-demand' - just click on the on-demand CPD tab.

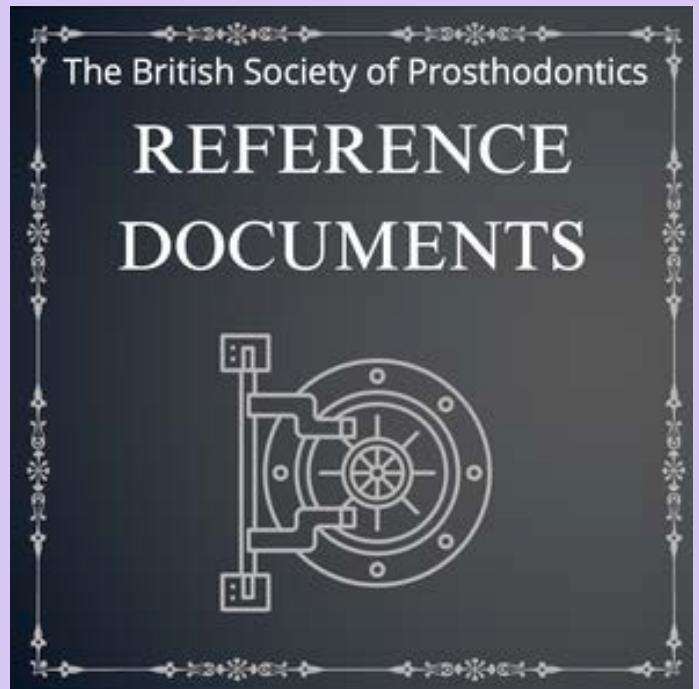


Further BSSPD Reference Documents Released

Dr Cat Black

BSSPD Council members, in collaboration with other societies, have developed comprehensive reference documents, which have been peer-reviewed and approved by the BSSPD Council. These documents are an invaluable resource, providing essential insights for both practical knowledge and academic learning. They are now available for both members and non-members to

access [here](#) through the BSSPD website. Have a look at the documents released below:



Partial Denture Design

Written by C Stilwell 2026

Hypodontia

Written by M Locke and J Owens 2026

Prosthodontic Pathways for Head and Neck Cancer Patients

S Elias and S Hackett 2025

Resin Bonded Bridges (RBBs)

Written by S King 2025

Training Pathways in Prosthodontics

Written by C Black 2025

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A Message to our Sponsors:

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our sponsors for their generous support of our conferences. Their contributions play a vital role in enabling the continued success and development of our events.

Opportunities to sponsor our conference in April 2027 are available. For further information, please contact: admin@bsspd.org.

HMRC Update:

Did you know that the BSSPD is classed as an approved learned society by HMRC? You can claim your membership fees back when you complete your annual tax return.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR MEMBERS!

Immediate Past President Celebrates Position as New Head of Dentistry for Birmingham

Dr Upen Patel, University of Birmingham



Upen Patel has been appointed Head of Dentistry at the University of Birmingham. Upen (pictured) is an Associate Clinical Professor and Honorary Consultant in Restorative Dentistry, and qualified with a BDS from Birmingham in 2006.

He was appointed Clinical Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry in 2008 following vocational training and senior house officer jobs in maxillofacial surgery in the East of England.

He gained his PhD and completed specialty clinical training in Restorative Dentistry at Birmingham, and holds a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

He has researched in the fields of ultrasonics, pulp biology and clinical education. His clinical interests are within the specialty of restorative dentistry and with a particular interest in the management of tooth loss and the rehabilitation of edentulous mouths with prostheses stabilised with titanium implants.

Upen takes great pride and enjoyment in the practise and teaching of dentistry, to those willing to learn, with the goal of producing safe, responsible and efficient dental practitioners.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR MEMBERS!

BDJ Publication: The BSSPD 2025 debate: sustainability of dentistry and prosthodontics – is this an emergency?

Dr Shiyana Elias, St. George's Hospital London

Background

Twenty-first century dentistry in first world countries should be based on sound evidence-based prevention and timely access to relevant dental care, but is not the picture currently portrayed of dentistry within the UK, by and for the key players involved (e.g., patients/public, government/commissioners, National Health Service, contract providers and performer workforce).

Aims

To summarise the issues that face the public, dental educators, dental workforce and commissioners of dental care in the UK (England) that were formally discussed at the British Society of Prosthodontics (BSSPD) Conference 2025.

Method

A panel was selected to include experts and spokespeople for the Department of Health/Chief Dental Officer, dental public health, the British Dental Association, postgraduate dental education and training, and workforce research, to debate five themes of sustainability in front of an audience of foundation dentists, dental core trainees and educational supervisors, speciality trainees, as well as general dental practitioners, specialists and consultants in prosthodontics and restorative dentistry.

Conclusion

The discussions of this debate on sustainability confirmed the need for novel approaches/offers with better understanding, funding and delivery of effective prevention models, urgent contract reform, with suggestions for education and health systems that can support (new and existing) dental workforce challenges.

Briggs, P., Gallagher, J., Barker, N. et al. The BSSPD 2025 debate: sustainability of dentistry and prosthodontics – is this an emergency?. Br Dent J 240, 659–668 (2026). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41415-026-9622-x>

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Celebrating Twenty Years of Leadership in Prosthodontic Education

Professor Julian Satterthwaite, University of Manchester

This year marks a significant milestone for Professor Julian Satterthwaite, who celebrates his twentieth year as Programme Director of the Prosthodontics MSc programme at the University of Manchester.



Over the past two decades, Julian has played a central role in shaping postgraduate prosthodontic education -since taking on leadership of the Masters degree programme in Prosthodontics, he has overseen the training and development of more than 100 dentists from 15 countries, many of whom now hold consultant, specialist and academic positions across the UK and internationally.

The Manchester programme has long been recognised for its strong emphasis on evidence-based clinical practice, multidisciplinary collaboration and academic excellence. Under Julian's leadership, generations of trainees have benefitted not only from high-quality clinical teaching, but also from his enthusiasm for mentorship, innovation and professional development.

Colleagues and former students frequently describe Julian as approachable, supportive and generous with his time and expertise. His ability to combine high standards with encouragement and humour has made a lasting impression on many of those who have trained in Manchester.

Through both his own work and the many postgraduate research dissertations completed under his supervision, he has contributed significantly to restorative dentistry, dental materials research and the wider Prosthodontic profession.

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Reaching twenty years as Programme Director represents not only a remarkable personal achievement, but also an opportunity to recognise the impact that dedicated educators have on the profession. The influence of a specialty training programme is ultimately reflected in the clinicians it produces, and Julian's contribution can be seen in the many former trainees now delivering specialist care, teaching and research across the profession.

Julian has a long-standing involvement with the British Society of Prosthodontics, including serving as President of the Society from 2016–2017. Throughout his career he has been a strong advocate for high-quality education, collaboration between specialties and the continued advancement of prosthodontics within the UK.

The BSSPD congratulates Professor Julian Satterthwaite on this significant milestone.

BDJ Article Publication: Interventions for tooth wear – is there a 'best' way?

Mr Rahat Ali, Liverpool University Dental Hospital

Tooth wear is an increasingly common issue that presents many challenges to the clinician. External drivers to patient demand lead to challenges in management – from initial diagnosis to approaches for management. There are a multitude of options available for managing tooth wear, from simple supervision and removal of causative factors to extensive intervention with adhesive restorations, or the use of multiple extra-coronal restorations. Opinions are varied, sometimes vigorously promoted, and may be controversial. The question many might wish answered however is – 'is there a best way?' There is rarely a single best option in managing tooth wear, but this opinion paper will look at the options and seek to provide some guidance in the way that practitioners may deploy the various approaches for management.

Thayer, M., Ali, R. Interventions for tooth wear – is there a 'best' way?. Br Dent J 240, 459–464 (2026). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41415-026-9730-7>

Publication of the 1st Global Consensus for Clinical Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of the Edentulous Maxilla: Single-Round Survey on Implant-Supported Fixed and Removable Protheses

Dr Charlotte Stilwell, University of Geneva

Objectives

This single-round survey on prosthodontic rehabilitation of the edentulous maxilla is one of four clinician surveys commissioned prior to the first Global Consensus for Clinical Guidelines (GCCG). Within the GCCG aim of refining treatment protocols and enhancing patient care, this survey gathered expert insights into best practices, challenges, and treatment outcomes for these complex restorative procedures.

Materials and Methods

The 25-item survey was sent to 230 identified experts from 41 countries in October 2024. Participation in the survey was voluntary and without incentives. Informed consent was obtained at the beginning of the survey. All data were collected, stored, and processed anonymously.

Results

Of the 230 experts contacted, 123 accessed the survey and 121 provided consent and completed the questionnaire, resulting in a response rate of 52.6%. The survey responses identified 13 statements that reached consensus ($> 75\%$ but $\leq 95\%$ agreement) and five that reached strong consensus ($> 95\%$ agreement). These 18 statements were derived from 6 items addressing the topics of anatomical landmarks for tooth positioning, preferred distal implant position, preferred minimum implant diameter, preferred retention method, relevant patient-reported outcomes, and relevant clinician-reported outcomes.

Conclusion

This study gathered valuable expert insights to inform a consensus development process for establishing clinical practice guidelines for management of the edentulous maxilla. The survey identified 18 statements from six items that reached consensus or strong consensus among survey respondents. The items not achieving consensus served to reflect real-world implant treatment strategies, identify literature gaps, and highlight any inconsistencies between expert consensus and current evidence.

Lin, G. H., Strauss, F. J., Brunello, G., Stilwell, C., Jung, R. E., Kopp, I., Schwarz, F., & Wang, H. L. (2026). 1st Global Consensus for Clinical Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of the Edentulous Maxilla: Single-Round Survey on Implant-Supported Fixed and Removable Protheses. *Clinical oral implants research*, 37 Suppl 30(Suppl 30), S121–S134. <https://doi.org/10.1111/clr.70027>

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Celebrating 40 years of Partnership with Nobel Biocare

Mr Arshad Ali, Scottish Centre for Excellence in Dentistry in Glasgow

Ms Natasha Riddel, Marketing Executive

Mr. Arshad Ali is celebrating 40 years of partnership with Nobel Biocare, marking a significant milestone in a career dedicated to excellence in implant dentistry. Based at the Scottish Centre for Excellence in Dentistry in Glasgow, Mr. Ali has spent decades helping patients restore both function and confidence through advanced implant treatment. Known for his meticulous planning and use of modern digital techniques, he



continues to deliver predictable, high-quality outcomes across a wide range of cases.

Reflecting on the milestone, Mr. Ali highlighted the importance of working with a trusted and innovative implant provider throughout his career. This long-standing partnership is a testament to experience, consistency, and a shared commitment to delivering exceptional patient care.



Do you have an achievement you would like to share with the society?

For example: good news, research prizes and publications, professional achievements, awards, charity adventures, retirements - anything which you think the rest of the society membership would be interested in. If you would like to be featured in our next issue, please email our newsletter editor Dr Cat Black: catherine.black@nhs.net

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