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Statutory Registration...Another Fudge by the GDC

If it were possible to combine incredulity with Déjà Vue (incredé- vue ?!) then the decision recently taken by the GDC on Statutory Registration of Dental Technicians could well be thus described.

Having ignored the consultation with dental groups, the outcome of it's public consultation and the recommendation of it's registration committee the GDC voted for the position recommended by the BDA and GDPA. The GDC now will register Dental Technicians and "Process Workers" in UK Dental Labs thus endangering the improvement in standards the Profession was seeking to achieve.

The repercussions could well be serious as:-

- Some labs will continue to use process workers in all aspects of manufacture
- Some labs will not bother to educate and train dental technicians
- Young people will be less interested in becoming dental technicians as there is no career structure
- Colleges may close more courses, as they will no longer be viable
- Standards of work will not improve
- Service to dentists and patients may suffer

So, having spent huge amounts of time and money on the journey towards statutory registration of all dental technicians we are now back where we started. Incredé- vue! However, Phoenix's commitment to training and the professional status of our technicians will not be compromised.

Following the success of our recent Quick Guides we are rounding off the all ceramics series with an update featuring a new system called **incise**TM developed by a UK firm called Renishaw. We spent a very interesting day with Renishaw at their Wotton-under-Edge dental training facility, I'm sure you will find it useful.

We are also researching other subjects to cover in the Quick Guide series starting with Cementation. This material together with our 2006 price list will shortly be available to download from our website www.phoenix-dental.co.uk. The price list download will require a user name and password which we will issue to clients next month. The price list will also be available in hard copy...as soon as we get it back from the printer!

We've heard that a number of you have recently been on photographic courses. If you would like to have your work featured on our website please Email us (mail@phoenix-dental.co.uk) some pics and we will do the rest, its probably best if we limit it to dental work though!

Best Wishes



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