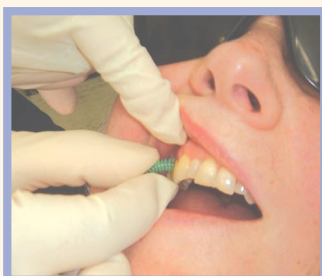


# Editorial

This is the final edition of *Team in Practice* for 2007. The journal has now been published for four years, and during this time, it has been evolving constantly.



cleaning for a patient with moderate to severe periodontal pockets. The second is about how to help patients with severe physical disabilities, in this case a young man with an amputated arm.

From the first edition of 2008, the full version of the journal will only be distributed free of charge to all Faculty members, who will continue to be able to access the CPD quiz for free and complete up to 12 hours of CPD per year. Non-members will need to join the FGDP(UK) as Dental Care Professional (DCP) Affiliate members for an annual fee of £26, if they wish to continue to receive the full version and access the CPD quiz for free. Non-members who wish to continue to receive *Team in Practice* should refer to this issue's four-page centre section, which further explains some of the benefits of membership. This is a foretaste of a separate four-page mini-*Team in Practice*, which from January will be published in parallel with the full version. It will summarise the contents of the full version for non-members, and will continue to be distributed free of charge.



This issue also contains a report of a recent symposium considering the importance of understanding how patients think, an explanation of the role of personal development plans, a progress report on the training of orthodontic therapists, and a welcome to Anna Schüle, who will work with Sally Hunter at the Faculty on DCP activities, as well as the usual events calendar and CPD quiz.

As readers will no doubt be aware, all dental nurses, dental technicians, clinical dental technicians and orthodontic therapists must register with the

GDC before 31 July 2008. In the interests of best practice, the Faculty has long supported registration requirements for DCPs. As compulsory CPD looms ever closer, we hope that more readers will benefit from joining the Faculty and continuing to receive CPD via *Team in Practice*.

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The theme of the two scenario articles in the current edition is how to overcome problems with oral hygiene techniques. In the first of these two articles, the problem is interdental