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PRESS RELEASE

New MJDF exam website goes live

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) and the Faculty of Dental Surgery, The Royal College of Surgeons of England, have launched online information providing details of the new Diploma of Membership of the Joint Dental Faculties (MJDF RCS Eng).

The MJDF, which will progressively replace the existing membership diplomas of each faculty (the MFGDP(UK) and MFDS RCS Eng), is a modern, innovative assessment designed for today's dentist. It aims to recognise the successful acquisition of knowledge and skills after completion of the two-year foundation training programme for all dental graduates, currently being introduced as part of widespread initiatives to promote more flexible training pathways within dentistry.

Dean of the FDS, Professor Brian Avery, comments: "The MJDF is an assessment that relies less on traditional tests of knowledge and more on workplace-based demonstration of competencies, as set out in the *Curriculum for UK Dental Foundation Programme Training*. It will be the starting point for practitioners who wish to develop their careers in a number of ways, whether pursuing a career in general or specialist practice."

Richard Hayward, FGDP(UK) Dean, continues: "All practitioners, from the recent graduate to the more experienced dentist, should consider the MJDF as a valuable first-level postgraduate qualification. The MJDF may become a desirable requirement for entry into postgraduate training programmes generally, including specialist training, and will be the first step on the FGDP(UK)'s Career Pathway for general dental practitioners."

The MJDF website, at both www.fgdp.org.uk/exams/mjdf and www.rcseng.ac.uk/fds/mjdf, provides comprehensive information for prospective MJDF candidates and those currently completing MFGDP(UK) or MFDS RCS Eng, including:

- Details on the MJDF structure
- MJDF exam dates and revision days
- Transition arrangements for MFGDP(UK) and MFDS RCS Eng
- Specimen questions and exam resource list
- *Information for candidates, exam Regulations and FAQs.*

The first sitting of Part 1 MJDF will take place in October, with revision days planned for June and October. The MJDF Examination Department can be contacted at mjdf@rcseng.ac.uk or on 020 7869 6762 to deal with any queries not answered on the new website.

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The **Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK)** is the academic home for general dental practitioners (GDPs) and dental care professionals (DCPs) in the UK. Based at The Royal College of Surgeons of England, it aims to promote excellence in the standards of patient care in general dental practice by encouraging involvement in postgraduate training and assessment, education and research. The FGDP(UK) supports the career development of both GDPs and DCPs and recognises the value of an integrated dental team in modern dentistry.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Worker on 020 7869 6759 or cworker@rcseng.ac.uk. Also visit www.fgdp.org.uk for further details.

The **Faculty of Dental Surgery** exists to set and advance the highest standards of health for patients and to promote and maintain professional excellence in all aspects of dentistry and oral maxillofacial surgery. The Faculty sets standards of specialist practice, provides dental education, training and assessment, and promotes research and audit across the range of dental specialties. It fulfils its roles through a network of committed and hard working Members and Fellows based in the UK and throughout the world.

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