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FGDP(UK) Sets Research Priorities in General Dental Practice

A survey carried out by the Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) has identified key areas within which there is the greatest perceived need for research in primary dental care.

Experts were invited from a range of groups to participate in the survey, which used the Delphi technique, employed in a wide variety of research areas, to help build consensus of opinion. Participants included general dental practitioners, academics, health authority executives, members of patient advisory groups, specialists, consultants in dental public health, the British Dental Association and the FGDP(UK).

The results of the survey indicated five priority areas for research in primary dental care:

- The application of evidence-based dentistry into practice
- The effects of different systems of remuneration on treatment patterns in practice
- The oral health assessment on determining recall intervals and its effect on oral health
- Factors that influence and affect dentists' treatment modalities, and
- The evaluation of the cost benefits of whole team training.

The full paper on the Delphi survey appears in the July 2006 issue of *Primary Dental Care* journal and can be downloaded from the FGDP(UK)'s website at www.fgdp.org.uk/research/.

For further information or to register an interest in research in primary dental care, please contact Amrita Narain, FGDP(UK) Research Officer, on 020 7869 6750 or anarain@rcseng.ac.uk.

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