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## PRESS RELEASE

### **FGDP(UK) Unveils *Standards in Dentistry***

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) (FGDP[UK]) is pleased to announce the publication of the much-anticipated *Standards in Dentistry* (*SiD*), a comprehensive package of standards and guidelines for all members of the dental team.

*SiD* brings together all existing standards and guidelines in oral healthcare, encompassing those common to both primary and secondary care. A widespread consultation exercise during its development ensured that *SiD* underwent rigorous review, with contributions from numerous bodies including the General Dental Council, the Department of Health, the British Dental Association (BDA) and specialist societies.

The package has an innovative format that combines a printed manual with an online publication, allowing for frequent updates to the information. The manual builds on the approach used in the FGDP(UK)'s first and seminal publication, *SAMS*, and includes clinical outcomes of care and treatment across 17 clinical areas. The web-based publication embraces '*Guidelines for Structure and Process in Dental Practice*', a hugely valuable resource for both the dentist and dental care professional.

Commenting on behalf of the Committee Of Postgraduate Dental Deans and Directors UK (COPDEND), Professor Chris Franklin, Chairman of COPDEND,

described *SiD* as "...a very comprehensive and timely drawing together of current standards and guidelines for clinical practice." He went on to say, "The author should be congratulated on its thoroughness and the links to web-based material and key documents on standards and guidelines. *Standards in Dentistry* will both inform clinicians and provide a focus for debate regarding appropriate standards and quality improvement in dental healthcare."

Lesley Derry, Head of Professional and Member Services at the BDA, said *SiD* would be "... immensely helpful to dentists who need to source guidance documents. It is an enormous undertaking and we recognise the efforts that are involved in developing such a resource tool."

The FGDP(UK) expects that this ambitious package will prove an indispensable compendium for the conscientious oral healthcare professional in helping to guide clinical or non-clinical, personal or practice-based quality assessment.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Worker on 020 7869 6759 or [cworker@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:cworker@rcseng.ac.uk). The package costs £39, with one-third discount for members of the FGDP(UK) - to purchase, please contact Paul Woodcock on 020 7869 6754 or email [fgdp@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:fgdp@rcseng.ac.uk).

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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.

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