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### **DENTISTS WITH A SPECIAL INTEREST NATIONAL EVENT**

The Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (UK) (FGDP(UK)) and the Faculty of Dental Surgery (FDS) are jointly organising a national event on *Dentists with a Special Interest* (DwSIs) on Thursday 21 April 2005 at The Royal College of Surgeons of England in London.

From October 2005, Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) will have the option of contracting with general dental practitioners to provide special interest services – in addition to their usual and important generalist role. These services will provide improved access and choice for patients, limit inappropriate referrals into the secondary sector and provide career development and recognition for the practitioner who develops enhanced skills and has these accredited.

The event follows the publication of the framework document *Implementing a Scheme for Dentists with Special Interests (DwSIs)*, developed by the FGDP(UK) in conjunction with the Department of Health.

The day will provide an update on the development work identified in the document, including details of the clinical competency frameworks developed as guidance for practitioners and PCTs in each of the four initial clinical areas: orthodontics, minor oral surgery, endodontics and periodontics.

Presentations will focus on a variety of themes including the national and local vision for practitioners with special interests (PwSIs) with particular reference to DwSIs, future contractual arrangements and how they will provide the conditions necessary for the development of local DwSIs services and the concept of the 'enhanced practitioner' and a 'career pathway' for general

dental practitioners. There will also be workshops, which will focus on more practical issues such as how to design a DwSI service, multi-professional working and the clinical network, putting together a clinical portfolio for accreditation, future training opportunities for DwSIs and involving patients.

Mr Mike Mulcahy, Dean of the FGDP(UK), will host the day and speakers include Professor Raman Bedi, Dr David Colin-Thomé, Mrs Sue Gregory and Mr Tony Jenner.

The event is aimed at GDPs who are interested in becoming a Dentist with a Special Interest, hospital consultants and specialists interested in the development of Dentists with Special Interests, PCT Chief Executives and managers and representatives from Strategic Health Authorities and Workforce Development Confederations.

To book your place on the *Dentists with a Special Interest National Event*, call 020 7869 6758/6768 or email [fgdp@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:fgdp@rcseng.ac.uk) for an application form.

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