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Launches Membership for

Professionals Complementary to Dentistry

The Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (UK) is launching a new membership category for professionals complementary to dentistry (PCDs), an initiative that supports both the invaluable work of the various PCD professional organisations and the General Dental Council's forthcoming requirement for PCDs to register with them.

For a very reasonable fee of £25 per annum, the new membership category will provide PCDs with a range of benefits including the team journal launched in 2004, *Team in Practice*. This includes an electronic continuing professional development (CPD) quiz that provides 12 hours of 'verifiable CPD' each year, assisting PCDs with the registration requirement to ensure that their skills and knowledge are up to date. Those who apply before March will receive two bonus issues of *Team in Practice* absolutely free.

The Faculty's Dean, Mike Mulcahy explains, "We are delighted to achieve our ambition to involve the whole dental team through a closer association with the Faculty. Those eligible for membership are those members of the dental team who will become registerable with the GDC. Although not subject to registration requirements, practice managers and receptionists are represented on our PCD

Advisory Group and are very much part of the team approach we are seeking to support. Alongside the new membership category is a new subscription service for practice managers and receptionists, which will offer a similar range of services to the membership package.”

Mabel Slater, Director of PCDs at Guy’s, King’s and St Thomas’ Dental Institute, and chairman of the Faculty’s PCD Advisory Group, says, “I welcome the introduction of this membership category, which recognises the contribution of all members of the team to the work of the dental practice. I envisage that the CPD opportunities that membership will provide—particularly the online quiz—will be an ideal way for all PCDs to keep themselves updated in accordance with GDC guidance.”

Further details on how to join can be obtained from Aisling Clay on 020 7869 6767 or aclay@rcseng.ac.uk or from the Faculty’s website www.rcseng.ac.uk/fgdp

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