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**FGDP(UK) DIPLOMA IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY
THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**

The Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (UK) has been granted diploma status for its new programme in restorative dentistry. This two-year programme, beginning in January 2005, will supply the practitioner with accredited enhanced skills in restorative dentistry and will provide a quality standard to assist Primary Care Trusts wishing to contract with dentists for special interest services from 2005.

Directed by Paul Brunton and Ian Wood, the programme is designed to meet the educational needs of the busy general dental practitioner and is practical, patient-based and clinically relevant. It will enable practitioners to develop advanced skills by a mixture of face-to-face contact sessions (held at MANDEC in Manchester), self-directed distance learning and workplace-based training. The first year of the programme will cover a wide range of topics essential to the further development of treatment planning and associated clinical skills, while the second year will offer the opportunity to undertake a module in either periodontology or endodontics.

The diploma equates to 120 postgraduate credits and fully satisfies the clinical component requirement of FGDP(UK)'s *Career Pathway*. The *Career Pathway* aims to provide career-long support and development for the general dental practitioner leading to Fellowship of the Faculty, the FFDGP(UK). The diploma in restorative dentistry fully satisfies the requirements of the clinical component.

Course director, Ian Wood, says, *“This programme will enable practitioners to develop advanced restorative skills in a structured and progressive environment to a recognised level of competency. Diploma status will provide a quality assurance mechanism, which can be depended upon by patients and contracting bodies.”*

Further details on the programme are available from the FGDP(UK) Education Department on 020 7869 6757 or e-mail fgdp@rcseng.ac.uk

The Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (UK) is the academic home of general dental practitioners in the UK. The Faculty aims to improve standards of patient care in general dental practice by encouraging involvement in relevant examinations, education, training and research. For further information, visit www.rcseng.ac.uk/fgdp