Diploma in Primary Care Oral Surgery
The part-time Diploma in Primary Care Oral Surgery will provide participants with the confidence to deal with cases at a primary level. With prominent consultants and lecturers at the helm, this two-year course guides the general dental practitioner through the fundamentals of oral surgery in a primary care environment.

Designed to provide participants with a thorough practical and theoretical understanding of all aspects of primary care oral surgery, this Diploma will provide the clinician with the opportunity to complete multiple ‘hands-on’ oral surgery cases supervised by a specialist oral surgeon within a primary care setting or specialist minor oral surgery clinic.

This course combines practical sessions on cadaveric and animal tissue, with didactic teaching sessions using a variety of methods. Participants are also paired with a clinical supervisor to treat patients for minor oral surgery procedures.
Course Content
Research shows that the undergraduate experience of core clinical skills in oral surgery could be enhanced, as competence in surgical extractions may be difficult to achieve due to lack of undergraduate exposure. The course aims to fill any gaps in knowledge and experience and is modularised into basic sciences, clinical competencies, core competencies and health care.

With 12 contact units across the two-year period, each consists of interactive seminars, tutorials, classroom teaching and practical sessions. Throughout all practical sessions, an approved oral surgery tutor in a clinical setting supervises candidates. Undertaking surgical cases in a controlled environment allows candidates to follow a route through assessment, treatment planning, diagnosis, surgical procedure and reflective practice.

Teaching Methods
Through a combination of classroom and practical teaching as well as mentored in-practice cases, you will become a better dental surgeon with a wider range of skills and experience in oral surgery. There are two oral examinations, which focus on case studies and material studied throughout the programme. The course is practical-based and includes ongoing clinical assessments.

Course Topics
- Patient assessment, history taking, examination and diagnosis
- Diagnosis and management of surgical complications
- Surgical exodontia including third molars and impacted teeth
- Pain and anxiety control including conscious sedation and general anaesthesia
- Pathology related to the soft and hard tissues of the facial skeleton
- Management of pain including TMJ pathology
- Diagnosis and management of dentoalveolar trauma
- Applied anatomy, physiology and pathology of the oro-facial region
- Human diseases and the relationship to oral surgery
- Management of medical emergencies and the medically ‘compromised’ patients
- An overview of the NHS, resources and administration
- Awareness and understanding of the medico-legal aspects of oral surgery
- Principles of clinical governance and ethics in relation to oral surgery
- Critical appraisal of the literature and evidence-based practice

For further information on this course and Open Days, please call the FGDP(UK) education team on 0207 869 6758 or email fgdp-education@fgdp.org.uk. For more information visit the website at www.fgdp.org.uk/courses. Early applications will be entitled to an early bird discount.
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