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AUTUMN EVENTS PROGRAMME

Branch President 2025
Derek Manson



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Welcome to our Autumn programme



**Derek
Manson**

Branch
President 2025

It is my pleasure to remind you all of our Autumn programme. I hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing summer and is looking forward to meeting up with friends at our remaining events in 2025. I cannot believe how quickly the first half of the year has gone past. It has truly been an honour to represent the Branch. I have met many colleagues of all ages and attended events where everyone has been so welcoming.

I have been delighted to see good attendances at all of our lectures in the Great Hall and Riddell Hall. I am indebted to our CDO Caroline Lappin, Trevor Burke, Len D'Cruz and Eiad Qudairat. They each provided us with very informative lectures which drew upon their clinical experience and learning. My thanks also to Roz McMullan who highlighted ways to manage stress and to Phil McEvoy/ Peter Kilpatrick for their talk on pensions. Our March evening included a special event for undergraduate students which was very well received. I hope in the future that this relationship can be encouraged, and we see more younger members active in the Branch. Again my thanks to all those involved in making the evening such a success. So much goes on behind the scenes to ensure that everything runs to plan.

I am sure that our Autumn lectures will be equally well received. Full details of the varied programme are found on the next pages.

In March, fifty-five attended our social event at Ulster rugby. Everyone enjoyed the food and an exciting match. Ulster won 38 – 34 despite a disastrous first 10 minutes and

Ross Livingston predicted the final score to within two points to win the signed Ulster Rugby shirt. While smaller in numbers we had a good evening on the North Coast in June.

Our main social event in the Autumn is the Gala Ball in the Europa Hotel on Saturday 18th October. I would encourage everyone to make an effort to attend and bring a friend or colleague for what will be a great evening. For dentists qualified less than 10 years there is an opportunity to meet in September at Prison Island. These informal events provide an opportunity to get away from practice and make new friendships.

I would like to reiterate our thanks to the various Branch sponsors. Without their input our branch would not be so active and provide the varied CPD and social events available to everyone. I would encourage you to meet them at our CPD evenings.

Life in practice is stressful as we continue to work in a challenging financial environment. It is becoming harder to provide good quality care on the NHS. I was very disappointed to see that in 2025/26 the pace of change from the Department is as slow as ever. They have persisted with tinkering at the edges of the current contract despite the best efforts of our BDA staff and committee chairs to advise that this will not help patients or the profession. Failing to apply the delayed uplift to the enhanced fees has further devalued a small gain from last year.

My best wishes to everyone as you continue to persevere in practice (NHS or private) providing the best care for your patients. I look forward to meeting many of you in the remainder of my year as President.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Manson'.

Derek Manson

President, BDA Northern Ireland Branch

CPD Branch Programme FAQs

Who can attend?

BDA NI Branch events are open to both members and non-members.

Members - **Free**

Students - **Free**

Non-members - **£45***

DCPs - **£45***

* Unless otherwise stated

If you would like to benefit from free CPD lectures, please visit bda.org/join

Venue information



Branch CPD events will be held in the **Isdell Courtyard in Riddell Hall, 185 Stranmillis Road, Belfast BT9 5EE**, unless otherwise stated.



The original external courtyard of Riddell Hall has been enclosed by a glass roof and is now a beautiful multifunctional space, ideal for lectures, conferences and other events.

Booking Branch events

All Branch events must now be booked online in advance. Members should visit bda.org/bse to book using your BDA website ID.

Just sign in at the event. After the event you will receive a link to your BDA certificate portal where you can store and download any of your BDA event certificates.

CPD allowance and tracking

Events meet the educational criteria set by the GDC for verifiable CPD, unless otherwise stated, and are certified by the BDA. CPD usually equates to 2.¼ hours.

Running order

18:45 Registration and exhibition

19:00 Lecture

20:00 Refreshments and exhibition

20:15 Lecture

21:15 Q&A

21:30 Close

Feedback

Anonymised feedback forms are available at the end of each event. Please let us know how we can work to improve our events.

Sponsors

Sponsors are vital to our CPD programmes success. Please take the time to speak with sponsors at events and add value to your CPD experience.

Contact

If you have any questions about booking or need more information, contact branchsectionevents@bda.org or call **0207 563 4590**.

BDA Students

QUB Student Reps

The Student Committee represents the opinions and concerns of UK dental students. It ensures student opinions are incorporated into wider BDA activities and policy development.

Our policy priorities cover three areas:

- Clinical experience and the dental school
- Student finance
- Dental Foundation Training

The BDA and BDSA are separate organisations but work closely together. Political work is done by the BDA Student Committee, whilst the BDSA arrange national social events.

Future Leaders Programme

Our Future Leaders Programme offers an unprecedented introduction into the world of dental leadership, providing insider knowledge across various domains such as governance, policy and research, education, PR and media, and more.

The programme runs from October to May each year and applications for the 2025/26 cohort will open for BDA student members in early September 2025.

If you have further questions email students@bda.org



Lucy Mulholland

BDA Senior
Representative



Alexandra Schaefer

BDA Junior
Representative

Just some of the benefits of Student Membership:

- We are your trade union and negotiate on your behalf lobbying for positive change to create the best experience possible at dental school
- We are proud to have **Europe's largest dental library** including over 700 eBooks,
- Enjoy the UK's leading dental journal, **BDJ**, online twice a month as well as **BDJ Student**
- Access to the **Health Assured** helpline free of charge 24/7, 365 days a year if you, your spouse or a dependant need counselling or emotional support
- BDA members get £30 off BDSA Sports Day and Conference tickets.
- Save £300 on membership when you graduate!

If you have further questions, either speak to the QUB Dental School BDA Representative or email students@bda.org.

September CPD Event: Management of older patients

Oral Health for the Vulnerable Older Person – are we prepared?



Mili Doshi

Mili is a Consultant in Special Care Dentistry at Surrey and Sussex Health Care NHS Trust and the Royal Hospital for

Neuro-disability. Mili developed the Health Education England national initiative 'Mouth Care Matters' to improve the oral health of adults in hospitals. Mili is the past president and current chair of the British Society of Gerodontology.

Aim:

This lecture aims to provide the audience with an improved understanding of the management of the oral health needs of the ageing population. Many older people will be increasingly vulnerable due to increasing cognitive, medical and physical disabilities that impact significantly on oral health and dental care needs.

Learning objectives:

- Increase understanding of the changing demographics of the older population
- Discuss the more common medical conditions and the impact of frailty on the older population and the impact on dental care
- Describe the importance of preventative dental care for older people and the role of the dental team
- Discuss treatment planning for the older vulnerable, considering medical, social and cognitive changes

Role of pharmacy in dental care – how we can support patients together



Dr Mary-Carmel Kearney

Mary-Carmel graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a first-class honours degree in Pharmacy. She completed a PhD,

graduating in 2016. After working as a Research Fellow and Teaching Associate, she was appointed as a Lecturer (Education) in 2018.

Aim:

To provide information that has relevance for dentistry about medication use with a particular focus on frail and elderly patients.

Learning objectives:

- Understand medicine-related issues that can occur in older patients
- Access appropriate resources to answer medicine-related queries
- Discuss approaches to managing polypharmacy and drug interactions
- Discuss services available in community pharmacies that dentists can signpost patients to...

Thursday 18 September 2025

Time: 18:45 – 21:30

Venue: Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall

CPD 2 ¼ hours

Development outcomes:



BDA members: **Free**

Students: **Free**

Non-members: **£45**

DCPs: **£45**

SEMINAR

BDA CDS Group Conference 2025

A smile for life – Prevention first

Topics include:

Anaesthetics
Periodontitis
Prevention
and more!

IN PERSON

UP TO 9 HOURS CPD

Thursday 2 October –
Friday 3 October 2025
BELFAST

Development outcomes: **A, B, C and D**

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 1 October 2025

Welcome dinner and quiz
The Dark Horse, Belfast

Thursday 2 October 2025

Black tie dinner
Crumlin Road Goal, Belfast

Sponsored by:



TWO-DAY SPECIAL RATE	MEMBERS	£300	NON-MEMBERS	£390	DCPs	£100
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Secure your place now

FULL PROGRAMME AND REGISTRATIONS ONLINE



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October CPD Event:

Orofacial Pain Disorders

Taking the pain out of general practice



Dermot Canavan

Dr Dermot Canavan is a lecturer and assistant professor at Dublin Dental School and Hospital. He is a former president of the Irish Pain Society and is currently

president of the Irish Society for Dental Sleep Medicine. Dr Canavan is also the director of a private orofacial pain clinic in Dublin.

Aim:

This lecture will help dentists to identify and manage chronic oral and facial pain conditions in general practice.

Learning objectives:

- Differentiate between acute and chronic orofacial pain disorders
- Diagnose and name some of the most common orofacial pain disorders
- Understand the basic neurobiology underlying these pain conditions
- Advise patients on the likely progression of their disorder over time
- Provide procedures to treat some of the more common pain disorders

Botulinum Toxin for the General Dental Practitioner - An overview of cosmetic uses and clinical applications in Dental Practice



Dr Mairead Browne

Mairead graduated with an Honours Degree in Dentistry from U.C.C. in 2006. She obtained membership of the Faculty of Dentistry at

R.C.S.I. in 2008. She obtained her Master's in Aesthetic Medicine in 2019 from Queen Mary University London. Member of the American Academy of Aesthetic Medicine, British College of Aesthetic Medicine, Save Face and Aesthetic Complications Expert Group.

Aim:

A deep dive into the world of Botulinum toxin treatments and how they may be applied to your daily practice as a general dentist.

Learning objectives:

- Understand indications and contraindications
- Learn the different injection patterns for the Male and Female face
- Review the current and new toxins on the market
- Understand Botulinum toxin uses in Dental Practice
- Management of adverse effects

Tuesday 21 October 2025

Time: 18:45 – 21:30

Venue: Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall

CPD 2 ½ hours

Development outcomes:



BDA members: Free

Students: Free

Non-members: £45

DCPs: £45

BDA Hospital Dental Services Group – Northern Ireland Division

HDS Hospital Dental Services

HDS Study Day

Darren Johnston

Chair of the NI HDS Forum

Date: Monday 10 November 2025

Time: 09:00 – 16:30

Venue: Dunadry Hotel



Full details will follow in the
BDA website and Events emails

Theme: Communication

(and the importance of communicating effectively with patients and colleagues to maximise impact and promote beneficial outcomes)

Speakers:



Dr Niranjan Chogle -

Consultant in Anaesthesia
and Pain Medicine at the
Ulster Hospital

‘Chronic Pain Updates



Dr Jamie Toole -

Consultant in Oral Surgery
and Honorary Lecturer

‘AI: Ally or Adversary’



Oisín McConville -

All-Ireland Education
Facilitator

‘Addiction’



Dr Alison Livingstone -

Consultant Paediatrician,
Designated Doctor for
Child Protection

Dr Olive Buckley OBE -

GP, Forensic Medical Officer

‘Update on Safeguarding (Children and Adults)’

BDA NI Branch AGM

Date: Thursday 20 November 2025

Time: 18:30 – 19:00

Venue: Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall
185 Stranmillis Road, Belfast BT9 5EE

All BDA members are encouraged to attend

Benevolent Fund Fundraising Event

There will be a fundraising stall selling Richard Graham's book "A History of the Northern Ireland Branch of the British Dental Association" at the AGM/CPD event on Thursday 20 November with all proceeds going to the **Benevolent Fund**.

Payment can be made via PayPal, cash, or donations via a Just Giving page.



November CPD Event:

Perio - Ortho Interface

Avoiding the Knife!



Dr Ian Dunn

Ian is a Specialist Periodontist. He is the former Undergraduate Teaching Lead in Periodontics at Liverpool University. He is Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer in

Periodontology at UCLAN where he provides some teaching on their MSc programme.

He serves on the BSP Council as their Honorary Treasurer, is part of their lecturing faculty and is an Editorial Board Member for Dental Update.

Aim:

To provide an overview of disease aetiology and look at how that impacts on everything we do when managing periodontal disease.

Learning objectives:

- Communicate Perio disease aetiology
- Understand its impact in home care and treatment
- Prepare a Perio patient for orthodontic management

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Orthodontics – common sense or evidence based?



David Kennedy

David studied Dentistry at the University of Dundee, graduating in 1996. He completed his specialist orthodontic qualifications in 2002.

He has been a visiting lecturer / teacher in the QUB School of Dentistry since 2005 and was a visiting lecturer at Stellenbosch University in South Africa in 2003 and has lectured widely including for various orthodontic companies.

Aim:

Overview of modern orthodontics and GDP considerations.

Learning objectives:

- Understand changing expectations and controversies in modern orthodontics
- Limitations of NHS orthodontics
- Medico-legal updates and reducing risk

Thursday 20 November 2025

Time: 18:45 – 21:30

Venue: Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall

CPD 2 ¼ hours

Development outcomes:



MARLBOROUGH
CLINIC BELFAST
DIGITAL LABORATORY

BDA members: **Free**
Students: **Free**
Non-members: **£45**
DCPs: **£45**

BDA NI Social Events 2025

Prison Island

Gather your friends and join us to take on Prison island.

Attempt to solve as many of the 31 cells as possible in 90 minutes, testing your Intellectual, Technical & Physical skills.

Date: Saturday 27 September 2025

Time: 10:00

Venue: Prison Island

Address: Unit 3, 17 Balmoral Road,
Belfast, BT12 6QA

Cost:

BDA Members: £15

Non-Members: £30

Students: £15

BOOK NOW

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Non-members and guests welcome.

Booking deadline:

Friday 19 September 2025



Gala Ball

Join friends and colleagues for a night of drinks, dinner and dancing to a live band in the Penthouse Suite of the Europa Hotel, Belfast.

Date: Saturday 18 October 2025

Time: 19:00

Venue: Europa Hotel

Address: Great Victoria Street,
Belfast

Dress code: Black-tie and
evening dresses

Cost:

Tickets: **£60**

Discounted rates:

Foundation Dentists: **£50**

Students: **£40**

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Non-members and guests welcome.

Booking deadline:

Friday 3 October 2025



2025 Events – Dates for Your Diary!

Thursday 18 September 2025

Management of older patients

Mili Doshi & Mary-Carmel Kearney

Saturday 27 September 2025

Young Dentist Group Social Event

Prison Island, Belfast

Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 October 2025

CDS Group Conference

Assembly Buildings, Belfast

Saturday 18 October 2025

Gala Ball

The Europa Hotel

Tuesday 21 October 2025

Orofacial Pain Disorders

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