



Northern Ireland Branch

The Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall, Queens University Belfast, 185 Stranmillis Road, Belfast BT9 5EE
Thursday 18 September 2025

PROGRAMME

Title: Role of pharmacy in dental care – How we can support patients together

Speaker: Mary-Carmel Kearney

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.

Learning content

Overview of medicines-related issues in older dental patients, polypharmacy management, drug interactions, key resources for resolving medicine concerns, and community pharmacy services support.

Development outcomes: C

CPD hours: 1 hour

Title: Oral health for the vulnerable older person – Are we prepared?

Speaker: Mili Doshi

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.

Learning content

This lecture is aimed at all the dental team and will provide pragmatic advice on treating vulnerable older adults.

Development outcomes: A, B, C

CPD hours: 1 hour

Joint Q&A session

CPD hours: 15 minutes