

**BDA NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH**

**AUTUMN 2024 PROGRAMME**

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# A message from the president



**Gerry  
McKenna**

Branch  
President 2024

## Welcome back!

Whilst it is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the autumn programme, I cannot believe how quickly my year as President of the Northern Ireland Branch is passing. I have been delighted to see so many of you at our lecture programme in Riddel Hall, including our undergraduate dental students. I am already indebted to our excellent speakers who have joined us this year including Professor Avi Banerjee, Dr Ciaran Moore, Dr Conor McLister, Dr Simon Kingston, Professor Hal Duncan and Dr Graham Quilligan. They each provided us with exceptionally informative lectures which drew upon their clinical experience and pointed us towards contemporary scientific literature. I have no doubt that our autumn lectures will be equally well received and I am again looking forward to welcoming my friends and colleagues as we continue our theme of “Practical Restorative Dentistry”. We will hear from Professor Murali Srinivasan from Zurich on the topic of digital dentures on 17th September, followed by an evening dedicated to special care dentistry and anxiety management with Dr Adele Cunningham and Dr Nial Nesson on 22nd October. We will round off the education programme for 2024 with Dr Paul Murphy and Dr Martina Hayes discussing orthodontic and prosthodontic management of hypodontia.

As well as our lecture programme, everyone is very welcome to join the Gourmet Dining Experience in Wine and Brine in Moira on Friday 8th November. It would also be great to welcome dentists who have been qualified for less than ten years to the Young Dentist Group ‘Wine and Dine with CPD’ evening at James St restaurant, Belfast, on Saturday 16th November. These events promise to be great evenings of good food, wine and company for the Northern Ireland BDA family.

Whilst we are all aware of the continuing challenges in providing good quality care for our patients, I have been particularly pleased to see that the numbers of BDA members in Northern Ireland has increased during 2024. We should also celebrate the work that our association has been engaged with to prevent the withdrawal of amalgam in Northern Ireland and in achieving fairer salary scales for junior dentists working in hospitals. These successes have come as a result of strong collaboration across the dental profession, including with our colleagues in the Department of Health, and I hope this will continue into the future as we face other challenges.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerry McKenna'.

**Professor Gerry McKenna**  
President, BDA Northern Ireland  
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# September CPD Event: Removable prosthodontics – conventional vs digital

## Removable Prosthodontics – Conventional vs Digital



**Prof Murali Srinivasan**

Specialist prosthodontist. Clinical Director for General, Special care and Geriatric Dentistry in the Centre of Dental Medicine at the University of Zurich



**Prof Gerry McKenna**

Professor of Gerodontology and Oral Health Services Research in QUB. Consultant in Restorative Dentistry within the Belfast Trust.

### Aim:

To discuss the role of conventional and digital removable complete dentures when replacing missing teeth in edentate patients.

### Learning objectives:

- Discuss the oral epidemiology of the ageing population
- Understand the role of conventional removable prosthodontics in replacing missing teeth
- Apply different clinical workflows to fabricate CAD-CAM complete dentures
- Understand the advantages and limitations of CAD-CAM and 3D-printed dentures
- Understand the importance of effective laboratory communication in removable prosthodontics

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**Tuesday 17 September 2024**

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**Time:** 18:45 – 21:30

**Venue:** Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall

**CPD 2 ¼ hours**

**Development outcomes:** (A) (B) (C) (D)

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BDA members: **Free**

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# Students

## Just some of the benefits of Student Membership:

- We are your trade union and negotiate on your behalf and through the Student Committee, lobbying for positive change to create the best experience possible at dental school.
- We're proud to have **Europe's largest dental library** – with 1000s of dental textbooks, including over 700 eBooks, to complement your university library. We also have collections of recent articles/ packages available on key dental topics related to your curriculum.
- Join your future peers and colleagues enjoying the UK's leading dental journal, **BDJ**, online twice a month as well as **BDJ Student** which informs on developments, trends and issues affecting students' journeys to, through and after university.
- If you, your spouse or a dependant need counselling or emotional support, call **Health Assured** whenever you need it. You can access the helpline free of charge 24/7, 365 days a year.
- BDA members get £30 off BDSA Sports Day and Conference tickets.
- Save £300 on membership when you graduate!

## BDA Student Committee

The BDA Student Committee is made up of an Executive Committee, plus two BDA representatives from each of the UK dental schools.

The student reps have dual roles, representing two organisations:



1. To sit on the BDA Student Committee to represent students at their dental school and deal with political matters.
2. To sit on the British Dental Students' Association (BDSA) Committee to support the two annual BDSA 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 2024/25 cohort will open for BDA student members in early September. If you have further questions email [students@bda.org](mailto:students@bda.org).

## Recent Blogs on the BDA website:

- 'Your application process through Oriel for DFT' (Joshua Kennedy)
- 'The Future Leaders Programme: A unique experience' (Joshua Kennedy)
- 'The challenges facing dental students of today' (Andrea Ogden)
- 'Choosing your path in dentistry' (Andrea Ogden)



# October CPD Event: Managing complex patients

## Managing anxious patients in your practice



### Niall Neeson

Niall established the 'Dental Fear Solutions' service in Boyne Dental Navan and receives referrals for dental phobia/ sedation.

### Aim:

Niall (a.k.a. The Calming Dentist) will talk through a number of effective tools and strategies that can be immediately incorporated into daily practice. Take control of the patient journey to help makes things easier for your anxious patients – and less stressful for us too!

### Learning objectives:

- Break the unhelpful spiral of dental anxiety
- Utilise effective communication and rapport-building techniques
- Introduce strategies that reduce the unhelpful effects of the fight or flight response
- Consider the benefits to be gained by embracing dental anxiety

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## Special Care Dental Services in Northern Ireland



### Adele Cunningham

Consultant in Special Care Dentistry in Belfast Trust. 2024 President for British Society of Gerodontology.

### Aim:

Provide an outline of special care dentistry (SCD) services in Northern Ireland including established care pathways, challenges and opportunities for future development.

### Learning objectives:

- Define special care dentistry
- Increase awareness of care pathways for SCD
- Be able to identify reasonable adjustments for people requiring SCD
- Introduction to treatment planning for special care cases

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**Tuesday 22 October 2024**

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**Time:** 18:45 – 21:30

**Venue:** Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall

**CPD 2 ¼ hours**

**Development outcomes:**



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# BDA Hospital Dentistry Study Day

This study day is to encourage delegates to learn more about radiation protection and the remit of an oral and maxillofacial radiologist in the coordination of patient care.

An excellent opportunity for networking with dentists and dental care professionals from multiple specialties, with varying levels of experience.

There will be an opportunity for DCT/ StR/SAS grades to present their quality improvement projects, which is a valuable opportunity to find out about current work ongoing in the hospital sector.

## Learning objectives:

- Have an appreciation of the role of the oral and maxillofacial radiologist in the coordination of patient care.
- An understanding of the principles of radiation protection when applied to dentistry.
- Understand pension schemes and options in order to achieve the best possible retirement savings.
- Highlight the importance of infection prevention and control procedures in the dental hospital setting.

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<b>Timings</b>	
08:45	<i>Registration and refreshments</i>
09:15	<b>Morning Session</b>
09:45	<b>Stephen Briggs</b> – Dental Radiographer
11:00	<b>Orlagh McPolin</b> – Specialty Registrar in Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
	<b>Afternoon Session</b>
13:30	DCT/StR/SAS presentations
14:45	<b>Phil McEvoy</b> - Head of Pensions, BDA
15:45	<b>Amanda Jackson</b> – Lead for Simulation and Continuing Education (NIMDTA)
16:30	<i>Close</i>

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## Monday 4 November 2024

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**Time:** 08:45 – 16:15

**Venue:** Dunadry Hotel

**CPD** 5 hours

**Address:** 2 Islandreagh Drive, Antrim,  
BT41 2HA



# BDA NI Social Event

## Gourmet Dining Experience at Wine & Brine

Join friends and colleagues for an unforgettable dining experience expertly prepared by chef-patron Chris McGowan and his award-winning team in this Michele Bib Gourmand awarded restaurant.



### Accommodation

Nearby Ralph's Moira Guesthouse has a limited number of rooms available – see event web page for booking link (including discount code).



As described by a restaurant critic: “The stars were favourably aligned when Great British Menu chef Chris McGowan returned to Northern Ireland after twenty years to open his first restaurant, with his wife Davina .. received with immediate critical acclaim.”

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**Booking deadline:**  
**Friday 11 October 2024**

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### Friday 8 November 2024

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**19:00:** Pre-dinner drinks

**20:00:** Dinner

**Address:** 59 Main St, Moira, Co. Armagh,  
BT67 0LQ

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BDA Members: **£60**  
BDA Members 'plus one': **£60**  
Non-Members: **£120**

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# November CPD Event: Multidisciplinary care in hypodontia

## Managing hypodontia: an orthodontic perspective



### Paul Murphy

Current President of the Orthodontic Society of Ireland and is the clinical director of his own private practice in Greystones, Co. Wicklow

### Aim:

Participants will gain specific insights into complex orthodontic issues such as the management of spaces and precise control of tooth movement.

### Learning objectives:

- Understand multi-disciplinary diagnosis and apply principles to real cases.
- Understand treatment mechanics.
- Understand the collaboration with the restorative dentist.
- Understand retention planning.

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## Managing hypodontia: prosthodontic considerations



### Martina Hayes

Consultant in Restorative dentistry in Dublin Dental University Hospital

### Aim:

This lecture will describe the prevalence of hypodontia, the replacement of missing teeth as well as commonly seen concurrent dental presentations.

### Learning objectives:

- To be alert for early diagnosis of hypodontia
- To be aware of management of the deciduous dentition in the hypodontia patient
- To know common treatment options for patients with hypodontia
- To know how to maximise your outcomes with communication with other professionals

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**Tuesday 19 November 2024**

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**Time:** 18:45 – 21:30

**Venue:** Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall

**CPD 2 ½ hours**

**Development outcomes:**



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BDA members: **Free**

Students: **Free**

Non-members: **£45**

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## Supporting dental students, dentists and their dependents living in the UK



The BDA Benevolent Fund has been supporting the dental profession throughout the UK since 1883. Help is usually given as grants for day-to-day essential expenditure such as contributions towards rent or mortgages, bills and food as well as enabling people to return to work, in dentistry or otherwise by assisting with expenditure relating to initial travel, indemnity or CPD.

**"I can't express my gratitude for your help. It will give me the opportunity to focus on University and get my financials in order. Many thanks for your support."**

*Dental Student, Kings College, London*

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for more information and to request help.

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# BDA NI Branch AGM

**Date:** Tuesday 19th November 2024

**Time:** 18:30 – 19:00

**Venue:** Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall

All BDA members are encouraged to attend

## Benevolent Fund Fundraising Event

There will be a fundraising stall selling hand-knitted woollen items and Richard Graham's book "A History of the Northern Ireland Branch of the British Dental Association" at the AGM/CPD event on Tuesday 19th November with all proceeds going to the **Benevolent Fund**.

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



# Young Dentist Group Social Event

## Wine and Dine with CPD

**CPD Presentation:** Risk Reduction

**Speaker:** Thomas McCaffrey

### Aim:

- To highlight ways of improving record keeping
- To reduce the risks associated with poor record keeping
- Discuss how records are used GDC/Claims/complaints

### Learning objectives:

By the end of this talk will be able to

- Examine what good record keeping means and how it can be used to manage complaints
- Recognise areas of risk from poor record keeping that may lead to complaints and dentolegal claims.

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**Booking deadline:**  
**Friday 8th November 2024**



**Registration:** 18:30

**Lecture:** 18:45 on Risk Reduction Followed by Dinner

**Finish:** 23:00

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**Date:** Saturday 16 November 2024

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**Time:** 18:30

**Venue:** James Street South

**Address:** 19–21 James Street South,  
Belfast, BT2 7GA

**Website:** [www.jamesst.co.uk](http://www.jamesst.co.uk)

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BDA Members: £35

Non-Members: £65

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## Autumn 2024 Events – Dates for Your Diary!

Tuesday 17 September 2024  
Removable prosthodontics – conventional vs digital  
Prof Murali Srinivasan & Prof Gerry McKenna  
Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall

Tuesday 22 October 2024  
Managing complex patients  
Niall Neeson & Adele Cunningham  
Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall

Monday 4 November 2024  
HDS Study Day  
Dunadry Hotel, Dunadry

Friday 8 November 2024  
Gourmet Dining Experience  
Wine and Brine, Moira

Saturday 16 November 2024  
Young Dentist Group Social Event  
Wine & Dine with CPD  
James Street South, Belfast

Tuesday 19 November 2024  
BDA NI Branch AGM  
Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall

Tuesday 19 November 2024  
Multidisciplinary care in hypodontia  
Paul Murphy & Martina Hayes  
Isdell Courtyard, Riddell Hall