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New ValiX Plus helps the dental practitioner see what eyes alone may not. Available in simple, easy to use, disposable kits, the system utilizes chemiluminometric technology to help identify early epithelial changes that could lead to oral cancer. By detecting the presence of precancerous lesions, the patient can be referred immediately and confidently for further treatment. Using a unique ‘Infinity T’ scanning system, precision is guaranteed in marking and documenting lesions. ValiX Plus has quickly become a critical element of the dental surgeon’s preventative practice, contributing to the accepted fact that better screening really does save eyes. ValiX Plus is available in a 40-unit pack 020 7320 plus VAT or in 20-unit pack £311.40 plus VAT. Call 0840 0001 188 to ask about special offers or to order your pack.

I had been working on an investigation into how cancer spreads, and the role of a particular molecule in the dissemination of cells, seen in the metastasis process. The Student Clinician Programme was a great opportunity to share with a wider audience a topic that I have found fascinating since being introduced to it during my third year studies. I found out just before Christmas that I had been selected to represent Manchester Dental School, which was a great honour. To be one of the fifteen finalists also felt like a significant achievement.

The BDA / DENTSYL Student Clinician Award in Edinburgh was a fantastic event. I got to name the finalists from the other dental schools and see the research they had presented. Being announced the winner came as a great shock as I hadn’t expected to win. I am absolutely thrilled to win and I’m looking forward when (if) to Orlando to take part in the International Student Clinicians’ Congress. I sincerely hope to continue taking part in clinical research and the Student Clinician Programme. It raised my awareness of the opportunities I have within dentistry.

For more information about the BDA / DENTSYL Student Clinician Programme, contact DENTSYL on 0800 072 5513 or visit www.dentsyl.co.uk.

UCL Eastern CPD launches challenging new programme

‘Developing Leadership and Clinical Excellence within the NHS’

The UCL Eastern Dental Institute, with the support of the Chief Dental Officer and the Department of Health, is excited to announce the Autumn 2010 launch of a unique new programme bringing together leadership and clinical excellence within the NHS. This programme is ideally suited to dental professionals who are seeking to develop new practice or reinvigorate existing practice management and leadership skills. The Autumn programme will take place over 4-5 weeks in November. It will be delivered by trainers and directors from the UCL Eastern Dental Institute, the University of Warwick Institute of Clinical Leadership and the Department of Health. The programme will incorporate the following modules: Clinical Leadership and Service Delivery; Understanding Change, Systems and Leadership; Developing an Integrated Approach. It will be outlined in the Medical Leadership Competency Framework (2009), namely demonstrating of all leadership competencies and a focus on leadership in primary care setting. The module will provide a comprehensive overview of the management, treatment and planning of patients within the scope of the NHS, best clinical practice. The module will be delivered through the use of seminars and hands-on skills-based teaching, learning and health. This module covers current concepts in the aetiology and management of caries and periodontal disease as well as leadership and management of operat and periodontal conditions. 

For further information or to register for the programme, please contact the UCL Eastern Dental Institute (Tel: 020 7679 5141 x 441 or email rebecca.murrall@ucl.ac.uk).