Post graduate education is a vital issue for dental professionals wanting to further their careers. It’s not just a CPD thing; it’s an ambition thing; a desire to take your career as far as you can and develop your clinical skills to the highest level.

There is so many ways in which dental professionals can participate in Post-graduate education. Clinicians in particular have so many avenues to explore; which specialism (Endodontics, Aesthetics, Restorative etc), which qualification (Diploma, MSc etc); full- or part-time course, the choices are endless!

With this in mind Dental Tribune has taken a very short look at some of the choices people could make with regards to post-graduate education. Of course, this is not just limited to degree courses; practices also need to be trained in compulsory regulations such as Clinical Governance.

In this issue we have taken a look at an innovative course which incorporates all the benefits that 21st century technology has to offer. The MSc course in Restorative & Aesthetic Dentistry is a blend of world-class educational curriculum by the University of Manchester with the technological expertise of Smile-on, a provider of online and distance learning programmes. This article gives an overview of what students can expect from this course as well as a taster of the delivery modes of the course.

Following on from this we have an article reviewing the recent webinar by clinician Dr Trevor Bigg on the subject of whitening. As the main delivery mode of the MSc is webinar, this review details how it works and the benefits of a live and interactive presentation, as well as reviewing what was also an extremely entertaining and informative lecture!

Finally we take a look at the subject of Clinical Governance and its place in dental practice. Jane Armitage, award-winning Practice Manager at the Thompson & Thomas practice in Sheffield, looks at how Clinical Governance can help practices keep ahead of policy and procedure and ensure that they continue to develop and improve their services to patients for excellence in patient care and team development.

A final thought from the 35th President of the United States, John F Kennedy – “Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.”