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Title

Prosthodontic Education around the Commonwealth: UK

Abstract:

The aim of this session will be to present an overview of graduate teaching of prosthodontics in Australia/New Zealand, Canada and England. Dental faculties in these various jurisdictions have different administrative and financial arrangements shared between the university and third parties such as the public health system. In some jurisdictions, their remit can be dichotomous - to provide teaching of the dental profession and to contribute to dental treatment for the lower socio-economic section of the population. Availability of appropriate patients and resources can be problematic and this impacts on candidate requirements and skill development. Another challenge in any graduate program is selection of the “right” candidates. Unfortunately, financial considerations become paramount, both for the faculty and the individual. Further, specialist registration/licensure or certification is different in the various jurisdictions and there is varying control by the body representing the specialty. This can also result in conflicts associated with applicants trained in international jurisdictions.

Learning Objectives

1. Discuss the administrative program challenges arising from a combined government and university partnered institution
2. Overview entrance requirements to grad training and the challenges of assessing applicants from a diversity of international educational backgrounds
3. Review undergraduate and graduate Prosthodontic requirements and discuss the challenge of ensuring adequate testing of gained competencies and scientific knowledge
4. Discuss the challenge of licensure for internationally trained Prosthodontic specialists

Biography

Professor David Bartlett is Head of Prosthodontics and Graduate training at Kings College London Dental Institute. David has published over 100 research publications, written 3 books, numerous chapters and is internationally known for his research on tooth wear and in particular acid erosion. David is an internationally respected specialist in Prosthodontics and runs the largest specialty training programmes in Prosthodontics in Europe.