

## PUTTING YOU ON A PROVEN EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY TO SUCCESS WITH IMPLANTS



**PROFESSOR CEMAL UCER** BDS, MSC, PHD, ORAL SURGEON, TELLS **LOUISE FRANCIS** OF **MANAN LTD** how the Manchester Dental Implant Certificate course places mentorship and access to patients as a high priority when treating those all important first few cases.

### LF: IMPLANT DENTISTRY IS AN ATTRACTIVE DISCIPLINE FOR TODAY'S CLINICIANS. HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT THEY EMBARK ON THE CORRECT TRAINING PATHWAY?

**CU:** Introducing implant dentistry into your practice is not a straightforward process and it is crucial that those wishing to place and/or restore implants are properly trained in the theory and have gained enough practical experience to ensure that they can do it safely and confidently. It is therefore imperative to find the right course which will deliver the theory and practical skills and even more crucially, provide access to experienced mentors who can offer the guidance needed to take their first steps into implant dentistry.

### LF: YOUR NEXT MANCHESTER DENTAL IMPLANT CERTIFICATE COURSE COMMENCES IN NOVEMBER. WHAT ARE YOUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE COURSE AND WHO IS IT SUITABLE FOR?

**CU:** I have been fortunate enough to be involved in developing the training standards in implant dentistry in the UK and at a Pan-European level. I have therefore ensured that our new certificate course was designed to provide clinicians with not only the best theoretical foundations but also the practical skills required to perform dental implants to the highest standard, both surgically and restoratively. It is suitable for both newly qualified GDPs who wish to gain the skills necessary to move into implant dentistry and also for the more experienced who are looking to develop a private or implant referral practice.

The Certificate year course, run over 12 months, is held at the Manchester Dental Implant Clinic, based at the ICE Postgraduate Dental Institute & Hospital in Salford Quays, Manchester. It has been specifically designed to fulfil all the requirements of the GDC/FGDP Training Standards in Implant Dentistry (2016), which any clinician carrying out implant dentistry in the UK should follow.

### LF: WHAT CAN DELEGATES EXPECT FROM THE COURSE?

**CU:** The course covers everything from basic surgical techniques, patient assessment, treatment planning, advanced hard and soft tissue techniques and bone grafting through to laboratory and technical procedures and how to communicate with colleagues and patients.

Under expert supervision, delegates will attend a series of lectures by renowned speakers, and take part in seminars, tutorials and hands-on practical sessions including a clinical day using the Straumann® Dental Implant System.

By the end of the course and once the delegates are up-to-date with the latest implant dentistry theory, they will have a chance to develop clinical skills and experience in placing and restoring implants under the supervision of mentors at the Mentee School. They will also have been introduced to ground-breaking new techniques such as simplified bone grafting and building techniques, and state-of-the-art digital dentistry equipment and workflow.

### LF: THE FGDP GUIDELINES STATE THAT COMPETENCE IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY SHOULD BE LEARNT THROUGH A TRAINING COURSE WITH A SUITABLY TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED CLINICIAN ACTING AS MENTOR. CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLINICAL MENTOR AND THE SUPPORT YOU PROVIDE?

**CU:** Teaching and supervision from experienced mentors is paramount for the process of developing clinical skills in such a complex area of dentistry. It is a well-known trend that many delegates who complete training courses in implant dentistry do not go on to place an implant in their own practice as they leave the course with only a small amount of experience and no ongoing support, thus quickly lose confidence.

Throughout the clinical workshops on our course, our mentors coach and support delegates through every aspect of the procedure, including assessment and treatment planning, right through to the surgical and restorative stages of treatment.

Once the course is over, delegates can embark on the Clinical Training at the Mentee School where they undertake mentored cases in order to build up their experience and confidence. Attending the course also furnishes our delegates with access to a network of experienced implant clinicians who can support them throughout their career, via the ITI network. The learner develops a clinical portfolio of cases which are a requirement to sit the PGDip examination at RCSEd. We run Introductory and preparatory days for this prestigious national qualification in implant dentistry by the Edinburgh College.

### LF: THE COURSE IS HELD AT THE ICE POSTGRADUATE DENTAL INSTITUTE & HOSPITAL. COULD YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT ITS FACILITIES?

**CU:** We are extremely fortunate to work in the state-of-the-art teaching facilities at ICE Postgraduate Dental Institute & Hospital. The ground floor has seven surgeries, a dental

laboratory, a fully-equipped operating theatre and day care surgery with two anaesthetists and all relevant medical staff.

Delegates will not only receive training in one of the most advanced postgraduate implant training hospitals in Europe but will have access to all the latest technology essential to developing skills in the full digital workflow. From interpreting CBCT scans to using intraoral scanners, co-diagnostix 3D planning, real time navigation surgery, fully guided surgery and 3D printing, we'll help delegates embrace the digital future of dentistry.

### LF: THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPLANT COURSES ON OFFER IN THE UK. WHY SHOULD CLINICIANS CHOOSE THE MANCHESTER DENTAL IMPLANT CERTIFICATE?

**CU:** Quite simply, we help delegates to develop a clinical portfolio, providing them with the support of a mentor and access to patients in order to obtain enough experience to succeed with implants. Our certificate course firmly places our delegates on a proven pathway to clinical success, by teaching them the theory, backed up by practical experience, and providing ample opportunity to take on clinical cases, all overseen by experienced, trained clinical mentors.

There is no limit to number of cases treated. Delegates come back as often as they like to build up their clinical skills until they have the confidence to offer implants in their own practice. Additionally, the curriculum fulfils all the learning objectives necessary to prepare a candidate for the Diploma in Implant Dentistry RCS Ed or alternatively pursue further postgraduate education, at MSc level.

Finally, at Ucer Education, we make it our mission to support our delegates through the entire learning pathway, delivering a proven programme instituted by a team that has been setting the standards in provision and teaching of implant dentistry in the UK for more than two decades, to over 7,000 dentists, with more than 15,000 implants placed or restored.

### CONTACT

To start your career in implant dentistry, book your place onto Ucer Education's next Manchester Dental Implant Certificate Course, starting 22nd November 2017. Visit [www.ucer.education](http://www.ucer.education) or call 0161 237 1842 today.

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