

General Dental Services – Monthly News Sheet

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Medication Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw

Earlier this month, the Department of Health's Chief Dental Officer and Chief Pharmaceutical Officer jointly issued a letter to all dentists, advising of the Department's endorsement of SDCEP 'Oral Health Management of Patients at Risk of Medication-related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw'. This letter can be viewed via the link: [http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Letter re SDCEP Risk of Medication-related Osteonecrosis.DOCX](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Letter_re_SDCEP_Risk_of_Medications-related_Osteonecrosis.DOCX).

The new guidance, published in March of this year, can be found on the SDCEP website or be viewed directly via the link: <http://www.sdcep.org.uk/published-guidance/medication-related-osteonecrosis-of-the-jaw/>.

Medical Devices Alert MDA-2017-14

All Heartstart MRx defibrillators (AEDs). Risk of failure to deliver shock, cardioversion, pacing or monitoring.

If you have one of these devices please follow this link to the full alert on the BSO web site:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2442.htm>

Medical Devices Alert MDA-2017-019

Unomedical high concentration oxygen masks (specific lots)

Risk of hypoxia as the tubing can disconnect from the oxygen mask.

Manufactured by ConvaTec – due to a manufacturing fault, the tubing may disconnect from the oxygen mask, prior to use or during use, causing a disruption in the supply of oxygen to patients.

For further information please follow the link to the full alert on the BSO web site:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2442.htm>

Medical Devices Alert MDA-2017-17

Bag-valve-mask (BVM) manual resuscitation systems.

Manufactured by Intersurgical – due to a manufacturing fault, the valve of the BVM System may become stuck during storage, leading to the intended tidal volume not being delivered and a delay to treatment.

If you have one of these devices please follow this link to the full alert on the BSO web site:

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Help with Health Costs Animation

The linked video has been designed for service users to clarify entitlements to healthcare costs (including dental costs).

Dental practices may want to add this link to their websites, or share via social media.

Further information is available online at <http://www.probityservices.hscni.net> or by calling 0800 5878 982.

<https://vimeo.com/207645541>

Earlier this year the Department of Health for Northern Ireland endorsed the NICE Clinical Dental Guideline CG19. The guideline can be found at <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg19>

This document provides guidance on the appropriate dental recall intervals for patients and contains evidence to support the recommendations made. GPs may also be interested in the background section which deals with oral disease diagnosis and rates of disease progression.

JAM Card allows people with learning difficulties to ask for 'Just a Minute' of patience



A new app has been released which allows people with communication barriers such as learning disabilities/difficulties, autism, Asperger's Syndrome or a brain injury to alert staff in retail outlets, public transport and other areas of public life that the card-holder needs Just A Minute of patience and time when interacting with them.

The JAM Card app is a digital innovation from social enterprise NOW Group who support people with learning difficulties into training and employment. It began as a credit card sized card and was the idea of service users of the organisation who said they often felt under pressure when they were out and about in everyday life and would like a discreet way of letting people know that they needed a little extra time.

Funding from Big Lottery and Nominet Trust has allowed the NOW Group to develop the app and promote it along with the card to users throughout Northern Ireland to get their feedback.

The JAM Card app is available to download for free now from both the Google Play store and the Apple App Store. Credit card sized plastic JAM Cards are also available by getting in touch with the NOW Group on 02890 436400 or emailing admin@nowgroup.org. Find out more at www.nowgroup.org/jamcard.