

BECOME AN IMPLANT PROVIDER

If you like the sound of offering dental implants as a treatment option to your patients, but are unsure how to introduce them into the practice, then you should be aware of the different routes to becoming involved with this attractive specialism.

With a portfolio covering dental implants, regenerative and digital solutions, Straumann are uniquely placed to help practices plan their personalised route to successful implant dentistry.

For some, the challenge of placing and restoring dental implants is something to relish and for these dentists courses offered by Straumann

and their educational partner the ITI, together with an experienced mentor, is an excellent first step to becoming an implant provider.

However, for those who wish to provide their patients with the benefits of dental implants but do not want to be involved in placement or restoration, Straumann can provide a network of referral-only practices willing to undertake placement and/or restoration of dental implants. In individual circumstances, Straumann can even arrange for a 'visiting clinician' to bring their expertise into your practice and place and/or restore implants for your patients.

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TRULY PORTABLE X-RAY UNIT

The AnyRay portable digital radiography unit, from Digital Dental, delivers greater flexibility on how you take your intraoral radiographs.



The portable and battery operated AnyRay is held and used just like a digital camera. Versatile and wireless, AnyRay is ideal for multi room-operation, domiciliary use and as a back-up system.

The DC High Frequency generator delivers high image quality with minimised X-ray exposure and can capture over 100 images without the need to recharge the battery. AnyRay is compatible with film and optimised for digital radiography. Removing the limitations of traditional wall-mounted intraoral X-ray units, AnyRay is the system of the future.

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CARIES SALIVA TEST

To further enhance GC's Minimal Intervention programme, the company have developed GC Saliva-Check Mutans. This new product adds another dimension by showing whether a patient carries a high level of *Streptococcus mutans* in the saliva.

This chair-side diagnostic tool helps to demonstrate whether a patient is at further risk of caries development, without the need for bacterial cultures. Once diagnosed, the practitioner can act upon this knowledge by prescribing effective oral hygiene measures accordingly.

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NEW SERVICE TO CUT RED TAPE

A new service called 'Tell Us Once', which will help to make life easier for new parents and those recently bereaved, is being rolled out across the country.

The new service will help to cut red tape and paperwork when someone dies or when a new baby is born by making it easier for people to notify government authorities about changes in their circumstances.

Tell Us Once is being launched by The Department for Work and Pensions in partnership with local authorities across England, Wales and Scotland.

Tell Us Once saves time and hassle and is expected to save users £66 million over the next ten years. It enables key local and central government departments and services to be notified simply through one single appointment with the local registrar.

Under the scheme, up to 28 different services can be notified on users' behalf, making it a much easier way for them to report their new arrival or bereavement to the relevant authorities. A person using Tell Us Once can expect to contact government seven fewer times when compared to previous arrangements.

In a single appointment at their local authority, a person can notify all the relevant government departments and service authorities of their circumstances. Those wishing to use the service will need to bring relevant documentation to their appointment, such as passport, driving licence, national insurance number and details of any benefits. For those who may find a face-to-face interview too difficult, a phone service operated by the Department for Work and Pensions is also available.

The service is already in place in many UK regions and should be rolled out to 96% of the country by March 2012.

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