



U21 Dentistry summary report

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U21 Dentistry Group

- Hong Kong
- Singapore
- UBC
- Melbourne
- Queensland
- Birmingham



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1. Benchmarking

- 2004 initial instrument
- Revised tool for 2005-Jun 2007 period; preliminary data presented
- Further work on categories of information to reflect RAE/RQF activities and publication bands
- *Further round of data collection and analysis (ongoing)*



2. Assessment practices

- Intent of assessment
 - How assessment drives learning and student behaviour in PBL and hybrid programs
- Ethics and professional behaviour
 - “Fitness to practice” concept
- *Interchange of external examiners between U21 dental schools*



3. Developments in Coursework postgraduate education

- Workforce shortages for dental specialties
- Pathways for specialty areas
- Off-shore programs (HKU with Peking U) using twinning arrangements
- Programs in non-specialty areas such as dental implantology
- Impact of mandatory CPD



4. Global developments

- DentEd - initiated 1997
- DentEd Evolves - 2001
- DentEd Global Congress 2007
- Developing corporate wisdom and evidence base on best practice in dental education
- February 2008 JDE/EJDE reports



Indigenous outreach

- Vietnam project UBC
- Value of engaging students beyond the traditional clinic boundaries
- Real impacts of health care provided in these communities
- *Possibility for extension/expansion involving other U21 schools*



E-portfolios

- Concept popular with the Web 2.0 “iPod” generation of students
- Shared interest across several schools
- *Collaborative flavour by having international input to Blog from students in other U21 schools*



Forensic Odontology

- FOd workshop under U21 banner
- Growing interest (CSI effect)
- Recognition of aspects relevant to FOd in exiting competencies
- Centres of excellence in FOd at Melbourne and UBC
- *Possibility of flagship eLearning project using web-based delivery of content in FOd*



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