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# Revitalise your day-to-day dentistry: learn to place

Bogged down with routine dentistry and the challenges of running two very busy practices, **Paul Brown** decided to enrol on the Devonshire House Foundation Implant Year course. Nine months on, he feels reinvigorated by his experiences on the course and explains how learning to place implants has had a dramatic effect on his day-to-day dentistry and put a spring back in his step

Having qualified from Guys in 1990, Paul spent five years practising in Hertfordshire before moving to Suffolk. Now an owner of two practices, one on the coast at Aldeburgh and the other 15 miles inland at Framlingham, Paul works with his wife Cheryl who is a hygienist.

Having previously attended an implant course over 14

years ago, Paul began placing implants in his Aldeburgh practice. After early success and regular placements, Paul began to notice that he was placing fewer and fewer implants. He came to realise that he was making excuses not to place them. 'I had become bogged down with routine dentistry and the challenges of running two very



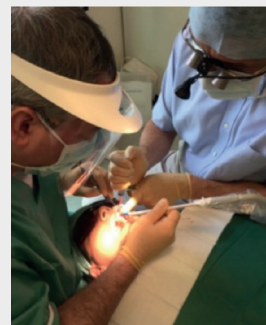
**Paul being mentored at his practice by Devonshire House specialist, Wail Girgis**

busy practices,' Paul admits.

He decided to refresh his implant training by enrolling on the Devonshire House Foundation Implant Year course, which appealed to him as it fitted well around his family and professional commitments. 'Booking the course was easy via the internet,' he says, 'In fact I booked it whilst on a family boating holiday in the Norfolk Broads! As a busy practitioner, having lecture days on Fridays and clinical days on Saturdays has meant minimal disruption for me. Another bonus is there are no course dates during the school holidays, which has kept my family happy.'

### The course

The Devonshire House course is run by their team of eight specialist prosthodontists who offer a wealth of experience in surgical skills, technical knowledge and lecturing expertise. Their down-to-earth teaching style and common sense approach puts delegates at ease from the start, and creates a relaxed learning environment. The Devonshire House team openly share case histories and tips on how to manage challenging cases ensuring an open communication flow between delegate and mentor.



'Having several specialists available at any one time is really valuable. The teaching format is supportive and additional mentoring has enabled me to tackle challenging cases under supervision in my own practice,' says Paul.

### Mentoring

As well as attending the Foundation Implant Year course, Paul has been mentored at his Aldeburgh practice by course director, Wail Girgis. Under Wail's guidance, Paul has placed implants in three patients, two of whom were challenging cases needing complex bone augmentation. 'The patients appreciated having such expert attention and the procedures went smoothly. Wail was simply great. His expert support and constant tips and encouragement enabled me to perform the procedures with minimal intervention.'

Mentoring can be of great value to the whole dental



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