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Tooth Be or Not Tooth Be? Differential diagnosis and update on management of orofacial pain

SYNOPSIS

Orofacial pain is one of the most complex and challenging presentations in dentistry, often leaving clinicians questioning whether the source is dental, neuropathic or systemic in origin. In this lecture, Tara Renton OBE will provide a clear and structured approach to the assessment of trigeminal pain, reviewing current understanding of pain mechanisms, highlighting pragmatic classification systems, and outlining up to date diagnostic criteria. The session is designed to bring clarity to differential diagnosis and help delegates navigate this frequently confusing clinical area with greater confidence.

Drawing on more than 40 years of clinical, academic and research expertise, Tara will explore the key features of acute and chronic trigeminal pain, essential elements of diagnostic work up, and practical principles of management. Attendees will leave with a stronger understanding of neuropathic pain, improved diagnostic strategies, and a more systematic framework for managing patients presenting with complex orofacial pain in everyday practice.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE	Tuesday 31st March 2026
TIME	6.30pm - Trade / Sponsors registration 7.00pm - Dinner 8.00pm - Lecture
ADDRESS	Mercure Nottingham Sherwood, 296 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG5 2BT

MENU	Sweet potato soup with spiced creme fraiche Pan fried cod with chorizo & tomato cassoulet, salsa verde & lemon oil Apple & cinnamon crumble with creme anglaise <i>*Vegetarian option available.</i>
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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

CPD VALUE

2 HOURS

GDC DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

- A** Effective communication with patients and the dental team
- C** Maintenance and development knowledge/skill within your field of practice

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Tara Renton (Specialist in Oral Surgery) is a dentist with a particular interest in trigeminal nerve injuries and pain and Honorary consultant Kings College Hospital. She completed her dentistry at Guys (1984), Oral and Maxillofacial surgical training in Melbourne (1991), undertook a PhD in Trigeminal Nerve injury at KCL (1999-2003) and senior lectureship at QMUL (2003-6). Over the past 20 years Tara has developed undergraduate teaching for dental students, modernising the Oral Surgical teaching with minimal access approach and modern LA techniques whilst also supervising 14 PhDs. Her research in collaboration with Imperial College, UCL, Oxford University, Centre neuroscience imaging centre IOPPN, Wolfson Institute Tara has established an international leading programme of trigeminal nerve injury and orofacial pain research publishing over 290 peer reviewed articles and grants from MRC, Grunenthal, Pfizer, Brit Pain Society.

Tara leads the Kings Health Partners Orofacial Pain Service seeing patients involving oral surgery and medicine, neurology, neurosurgery, ENT, pain management, clinical psychology and liaison psychiatry. Tara has set up two patient facing websites first a patient lead initiative resulted in the development of the Trigeminalnerve.org.uk a website advising both patients and clinicians in preventing and managing iatrogenic nerve injury in relation to dentistry and a website for patients with chronic trigeminal pain (www.orofacialpain.org.uk). Tara is currently developing an online orofacial pain diagnostic tool using AI in Beta phase (Faceyourpain.org)

Tara is on the Dental Update Editorial Board, she has co-edited the BDA clinical manuals for Oral Surgery Books I and II and editor for the BDA Orofacial Pain for the dental team book. Tara was an elected member of the RCS England FDS Board RCS Eng 2010-2019, she is Chair of the Oral Surgery SAC. She is an invited member National Advisory Board for human factors in dentistry and she is a Past President of the British Association Oral Surgery.

AIMS

- To provide a review of our understanding of trigeminal pain
- To highlight pragmatic classification
- To provide a structure for differential diagnosis of trigeminal pain
- To provide up to date diagnostic criteria

OBJECTIVES

- The candidate will understand the mechanisms of various types of pain
- The candidate will be equipped with better strategies for diagnosing trigeminal pain
- The candidate will have an improved comprehension of the mechanisms of pain

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- To be able to identify key features of acute and chronic trigeminal pain
- To be familiar with classification of chronic orofacial pain
- To be familiar with some key diagnostic features of neuropathic pain
- To be familiar with diagnostic work up and essentials of management

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Please note: Bookings are on a strictly first come, first served basis. Your booking will only be secured once payment has been received.

Bookings must be made by **Midday on Friday 28 March 2026.**

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