



Interviewee: John Bradley

Profession/ Specialities: Consultant in oral and maxillofacial surgery

Date of the Interview: 9 February 2011

Location of interview: Interviewer's home

Interviewer: Andrew Sadler

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Summary of interview

01 – Introduction. Decision to pursue dentistry. Discussion of father's career as a dentist and the introduction of the NHS.

02 – Student life at Guy's Hospital Dental School, 1954 – 1958, including subjects studied, operative work carried out (prosthetics, restorative work and oral surgery), student life.

03 – Inspirations. Postgraduate career as a House Surgeon at St. Thomas' Hospital, includes operations carried out, supervision, working life, work with John Hovel. Role as Senior House Officer at Westminster. Describes working with Rupert Sutton-Taylor. Motivations for pursuing career in oral surgery. Description of practices of Hovel and Sutton-Taylor. Discussion of titles for oral surgeons. Discussion of type of operations experienced in the hospitals. Discussion on waiting times for patients.

04 – Discussion of medical and surgical training for oral surgeons, includes changes in type of operations in oral surgery. Role as Registrar to Norman Rowe at

Roehampton. Describes resources available. Description of working with Norman Rowe. Story about designing new dental department at Roehampton. Discussion on professional rivalry and the relationship between oral and plastic surgeons. Story about Rupert Sutton-Taylor carrying out a sulcoplasty with a skin graft at Roehampton.

05 – Work pattern at Roehampton, description of oral and maxillofacial surgery carried out, including now obsolete techniques, and working life at hospital. Mentions cancer treatment, denture treatment and preprosthetic surgery among others. Description of involvement in British Association of Oral Surgeons.

06 – Description of sulcoplasty. Move to Burnley in 1968 as consultant dental surgeon. Discussion of titles for oral surgeons. Description of workload. Discussion on orthodontics and effect on oral surgery. Discussion on relationship between general dental practitioners and consultants. Introduction of house surgeons in Burnley.

07 – Role as editor of British Journal of Oral Surgery. Story about becoming first consultant in England without a university appointment being allowed to do a degree by thesis.