



Interviewee: Roland Hopwood

Profession/ Specialities: General dental practitioner

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Interviewer: Pam Royle

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Summary of interview

01 – Work as a medical laboratory technician in Pathology Department at University College Hospital. Obtaining a place in dental school. Training as a dentistry student. Vocational training. Work as an associate. Lecturing at evening classes. Treating patients as a student. Establishing practice.

02 – Reasons for studying dentistry. Earnings as a medical laboratory technician. Work as an associate. Attending a course about setting up a practice. Work as a general dental practitioner. Expansion of practice. Employing hygienist. Membership of BDA. Hobbies. Emergency cover for practice. Reasons for not using general anaesthetic. Dealing with nervous patients. Fee cuts in 1980s. Joining Denplan.

03 – Children's days at practice. Introduction of masks and gloves Sterilisation. Dental materials and techniques used in practice. Fluorosis. Leaving general dental practice and retirement due to ill health. Selling practice. Discussion of current NHS systems including capitation. Reflections on career. Lifestyle and family life.

Volunteering at BDA Dental Museum. Discussion on the future of dentistry including cosmetic dentistry.