Events and exhibitions
The museum hosts a changing programme of temporary exhibitions and events. For further details please see
www.bda.org/museum/exhibitions-and-events

Services for schools and adult groups
School workshops
Guided tours
Illustrated talks
Loans boxes
Online resources

Services for BDA members
Talks for branches and sections
CPD visits for practices
Loans boxes
Image service

Enquiries and research
We welcome identifications, dental history and family history enquiries and can provide facilities for researchers. Find out more about our reserve collections www.bda.org/museumcollections and our oral history archive http://mcleanarchive.bda.org
For further information about other medical museums in London visit www.medicalmuseums.org

For more detailed access information please see: www.bda.org/museumaccess or phone 020 7535 5860.

Bond Street and Oxford Circus tube stations and bus stops in Oxford Street are ½ mile or less away. Metered parking is available in Wimpole Street. For details including parking for disabled drivers see www.westminster.gov.uk/services/transportandstreets/parking

Opening hours
Tuesday and Thursday 1pm – 4pm
Please phone for appointments at other times and to check Christmas and New Year arrangements.

Admission free
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Everyone needs their teeth!

The BDA Dental Museum traces the history of dentistry from medieval toothdrawers to today’s professionals. Whether you are a dentist, social historian, teacher or are just curious about how people looked after their teeth in the past the BDA Dental Museum is the place to visit.

Extraction

Most people's only experience of dentistry in the past was extraction! Some of the instruments have intriguing names such as pelicans — come and find out why.

“My tooth pained me all night, sent for one Reeves a man who draws Teeth... he came and drew my Tooth but shockingly bad indeed... he broke one of the fangs of the Tooth it gave me exquisite Pain all the Day...”

Diary of Parson Woodforde of Norfolk, 1776

Diagnosis

Before the advent of X-ray machines dentists had no way of knowing the extent of decay within a tooth. At first exposure times for an X-ray could be up to 25 minutes.

Drilling and filling

Do you dread the dentist’s drill? In the past it was hand or foot operated. Drop in during the school holidays to try out a Victorian foot drill for yourself.

False teeth

Materials for making false teeth were rather limited in the past. Elephants were killed for their tusks and corpses robbed of their teeth to make dentures.

Oral hygiene

The toothbrush as we know it first appeared in the late 18th century. However they have been made in a variety of shapes, sizes and materials.

“A tooth-brush should have rather hard bristles... Warm water should be used, with a little salt or borax.”

Girl’s Own Paper, 1896

Films

Films, both fictional and factual, have been made about dentistry for over a century now. Come and watch our growing selection of films for both children and adults.

Art

Dentistry and dentists have inspired many artists. View this unique painting by Sir John Lavery giving a glimpse into high class dentistry in the 1920s.