

NUS Dentistry Graduate Symposium in conjunction with the Inaugural NUS Dentistry-NUCOHS Clinical Dentistry and Research Symposium (CDARS)

Advancing Clinical Dentistry through Research and Innovation

Graduate Symposium

Date : Saturday, 16 May 2026

Time : 9:00am to 4:00pm

Venue : Level 9 Auditorium,
NUS Dentistry
9 Lower Kent Ridge Road,
Singapore 119085

Details : See below

Clinical Symposium

Date : Sunday, 17 May 2026

Time : 9:00am to 5:30pm

Venue : NUHS Auditorium, Level 1,
1E Kent Ridge Road,
Singapore 119228

CPE : 8 Points

Details : [Flyer](#)

Registration Details

Register here



1. Graduate + Clinical Symposium (Dentists): \$450
2. Graduate + Clinical Symposium (Full-time faculty NUSDEN & NUHS Staff with Joint appointment): \$380
3. Graduate + Clinical Symposium (Dental Officers, Dental Auxiliary): \$340

Registration closes

30 April 2026



For more information about the Clinical Symposium on Sunday, 17 May 2026, please visit the following link: [Flyer](#)

Jointly organised by:



Centre for Advanced Dental Education
Faculty of Dentistry



National University
Centre for Oral Health
Singapore

Programme

Scientific Competition

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Scientific Oral Papers <i>Panel: A/P Raymond Wong, Dr Jacob Chew, Dr Sayaka Tada</i>
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Lunch & Trade Exhibition located at S10-06
1:30 PM to 2:00 PM	Announcement of Winners Grand Prize Overall category <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Prize: \$1,500• Second Price: \$1,000• Third Price: \$500

Lectures

CPE: 3 Points

2:00 PM to 2:35 PM	“So you want to be a dental faculty ... Are you sure?” <i>By Associate Professor Hu Shijia</i>
2:35 PM to 3:10 PM	“The Publishing Landscape in Dentistry – Trends and Challenges.” <i>By Professor Peter Svensson</i>
3:10 PM to 3:50 PM	“Transition from dental school to practice and our UK model.” <i>By Professor Alison Qualtrough</i>

Speaker



Associate Professor Hu Shijia

- Discipline Director of Orthodontics and Paediatric Dentistry
- Director of International Relations
- Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore
- Consultant, National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore

Dr Hu Shijia is a paediatric dentist by training and is board-certified by both the Specialist Accreditation Board (Singapore) and the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He trains dental students and paediatric dentistry residents in his capacity as the undergraduate module coordinator for paediatric dentistry at the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore.

Dr Hu completed his Pediatric Dentistry residency at the University of North Carolina, where he was also awarded a PhD in Oral Biology.

His research ranges from laboratory studies on material bond strength and toxicity to clinical studies on treatment acceptance, population cost-effectiveness studies, and qualitative studies. He also has a strong interest in education research and has been awarded national grants in both clinical and education research areas.

Synopsis

“So you want to be a Dental Faculty... Are you sure?”

So, you are considering joining the Faculty. It is a wonderful and noble career, at least on the surface. There are so many requirements and stresses that come with the job. Will you be suitable for the job? What are some things to consider before taking the plunge?

This talk will cover the very biased opinion of one man’s tenure journey from a young assistant professor to a much less young associate professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, NUS.

Speaker



Professor Alison JE Qualtrough

- BChD (Hons), MSc, Phd, FDS, MRD
- Chair, Division of Dentistry, University of Manchester

Professor Qualtrough has made an outstanding contribution to teaching and learning. She has served as an external examiner at numerous institutions of higher learning, currently at five and previously at eleven, as well as at six international universities.

She has held several prominent leadership roles within the profession, including Past President of the British Endodontic Society and Past President of the Association of Teachers of Conservative Dentistry. She has also served as Guest Editor of Primary Dental Care (2015) and Co-Editor of the British Dental Journal Endodontics Special Issue (2025). In addition, she was previously an Erasmus Visiting Scholar at the University of Gothenburg.

Professor Qualtrough has undertaken five major undergraduate and postgraduate leadership roles and has served as an external advisor, external examiner, and panel member for programme review and validation panels within the University of Manchester, across the United Kingdom, and internationally. Under her leadership, the postgraduate programme in Endodontics at the University of Manchester has grown to become a significant contributor to the division's academic profile and income.

With over 100 publications and as part of the first pilot group at the University of Manchester to be awarded Senior Fellowship of the HEA, one of her most notable achievements has been chairing the BES-affiliated Teachers of Endodontology group, contributing to the shaping of endodontic education of more than 1600 dental students to date.

Synopsis

“Transition from Dental School to practice and our UK model”

The presentation will outline the introduction of a nationally agreed curriculum and standards in teaching endodontics to undergraduate dental students and the development of a smooth transition pathway from dental school to practice with reference to the same standards.

Speaker



Professor Peter Svensson

- DDS, PhD, Dr.Odont.
- Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Oral Rehabilitation
- Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore
- Senior Consultant, National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore

Professor Peter Svensson is a Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore and a Senior Consultant at the National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS). Prior to joining NUS in 2024, he served as Professor and Head of the Section of Orofacial Pain at Aarhus University, Denmark for over two decades.

Professor Svensson holds a DDS, PhD, Dr.Odont., and an Honorary Doctorate (Odont.Dr. h.c.).

His research focuses on the peripheral and central mechanisms of orofacial pain, neuroplasticity, jaw function, bruxism, and temporomandibular disorders.

He has published over 600 peer reviewed papers, reviews and book chapters (H-index 78, Scopus) and has co-developed international classifications and guidelines for pain, headache, orofacial pain and bruxism.

He has delivered more than 400 invited lectures, seminars and courses worldwide and serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Oral Rehabilitation from 2004 till present. He is an active clinician managing diverse orofacial pain and dysfunction, integrating research, teaching, and patient care to improve outcomes in orofacial neurosciences.

Synopsis

“The Publishing Landscape in Dentistry – Trends and Challenges”

“We need research in dentistry—not only more research, but also better research.” This quote is more than 35 years old, yet it may still ring true today. Never before have so many new research and systematic reviews been published, but how much of it represents truly original, impactful discoveries—and how much is simply noise and redundancy in the system?

This talk will discuss current publishing trends, with a particular focus on dentistry, from the perspective of a chief editor. It is not intended as a how-to guide for publishing, but rather to stimulate critical thinking and raise awareness of the scientific process.

Important Information

Registration Policy

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. As seating in the Auditorium is limited, early registration is strongly encouraged.

Withdrawal / Refund Policy

A full refund, less a \$25 administrative fee, will be granted for withdrawal requests submitted in writing and received by NUS Dentistry by 30 April 2026. No refunds will be provided after the closing date.

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