

Text of introductory E Mail sent to participants in ADEE Special Interest Group (SIG) 'Biomedical Sciences in Dentistry: Developing a Contemporary Core Curriculum'
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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

**SIGT-02: 'Biomedical Sciences in Dentistry: Developing a Contemporary Core Curriculum'
Thursday 25th of August (14.00-17.30)**

Thank you very much for expressing an interest in this Special Interest Group (SIG).

Basic medical science (BMS) is a cornerstone of the contemporary dental curriculum. It underpins all aspects of dentistry and equips new graduates for a lifetime in clinical practice. Whilst some BMS topics are relatively stable and change little from year to year, others are at the evolving front of scientific advance. Yet, as previous presentations at ADEE have made clear, both are important to new dental graduates in preparing them for safe, patient-centred practice, equipping them to deal with a lifetime of change. This complex and dynamic environment has led to differences in BMS coverage between schools, and deciding what to include in a contemporary curriculum has become a growing challenge for curriculum planners.

During previous meetings of the group, and in earlier ADEE sessions, there have been a range of discussions to determine what might constitute a core BMS curriculum for Dentistry and how this should be presented. Not only does this have to take into account content, but also the variety of pedagogic approaches used across Europe. For this reason our curriculum has been constructed as a list of topics which can be mapped to learning objectives specific to each institution.

Construction of this curriculum has been informed by SIG discussions, together with that from other sources over several years. The forthcoming SIG meeting will be devoted to presentation of this document and will give a final opportunity for discussion, before its presentation as an outcome of the group's activities to ADEE.

Copies of this document will be available at the meeting in and in advance of the meeting on both the ADEE and the Association for Basic Science Teachers in Dentistry (ABSTD) websites. Please try to look at it in advance of the meeting.

The session will be facilitated by my co-convenor, Dr Josie Beeley assisted by Dr Louise Belfield. Very regrettably, I have an unavoidable family commitment in the US which means that, I will be unable to attend the meeting and I hope, as a group you will accept my apologies.

If, in the meantime, you have any queries or comments please contact me
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With best wishes

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