

To whom it may concern

I studied dentistry at the University of Glasgow, qualifying in 1997. Upon qualification I worked as a general dentist for a year before moving to Newcastle upon Tyne where I was an SHO and then a Staff Grade in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

In 2000 I successfully completed the Membership of the Faculty of Dentistry Surgery (MFDS) examination at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

In 2002 I returned to University of Glasgow to commence studies for MB ChB to become a medical doctor and will qualify from this in July 2008.

I have also been the Dental Director for SmileQuest Tooth Whitening Systems since the companies' inception early in 2003.

The area of tooth whitening has been controversial recently but was declared to be a cosmetic treatment by the House of Lords in 2001, thereby indicating that there is NOT a need to have any dental qualification in order to carry out the treatment.

My position in the company includes responsibility for the training of therapists who intend to carry out the treatment and to date we have trained up approximately 600 Smile therapists, only a tiny percentage who have ever had any experience of the dental industry.

As a dentist I am more than happy to oversee the training of suitable candidates to carry out and provide this worthwhile service for the general public. This treatment is both simple to administer and also a legal treatment to provide for those who have been trained in it.

The products we use for tooth whitening have been used in the dental and medical industry for many years and have an extremely well proven safety record. In the case of tooth whitening, both Hydrogen Peroxide (H_2O_2) and Chloride Dioxide (ClO_2) have been used in the USA by non-dentally qualified persons to carry out the treatment for many years and have an excellent safety record.

We currently offer ClO_2 as our main tooth whitening agent, although we do also supply 0.1% H_2O_2 for a very gentle though somewhat slower treatment.

I am more than happy to discuss any issues you may have directly and can be contacted through our head office.

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