

HKU Faculty of Dentistry hosts 1st Symposium on Evidence-based Integrative Dentistry

The HKU Faculty of Dentistry will host its 1st Symposium on Evidence-based Integrative Dentistry (第一屆實證中西醫結合口腔醫學研討會) on 11 December 2009.

Evidence-based Integrative Dentistry (EBID) uses a contemporary, evidence-based approach to the application of complementary and alternative therapies, such as Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), to modern dentistry. By focusing on holistic treatments, the growing field of EBID aims to bridge the gaps between dental practice and basic, translational, and clinical research, while promoting advancement, interdisciplinary collaboration, and professional education in Dentistry, Oral Biosciences, and Medicine.

The practice of TCM is concerned with holistic patient care, and both TCM and dentistry are closely related to the maintenance of the body's well-being. Mouth conditions to some extent mirror the conditions of the body, and tongue inspection is among the basic steps for TCM diagnosis. Indeed, the oral cavity is an important interface between host and environment, and scientific evidence is emerging that oral diseases can affect general health, and vice versa.

This inaugural Symposium will provide a timely forum for research and knowledge exchange in EBID, particularly involving TCM. All researchers and practitioners interested or working in EBID, or using TCM in Dentistry, Oral Biosciences, and Medicine are welcome.

The Faculty and the co-organisers hope this Symposium will further advance and arouse interest in research, education, and clinical practice in TCM and encourage interfaculty and interdisciplinary collaborations in EBID.

Event: 1st Symposium on Evidence-based Integrative Dentistry
11 December 2009 (Friday)

Venue: Lecture Theatre I, Prince Philip Dental Hospital
Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong

Organiser: Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong

Co-organisers: School of Chinese Medicine, The University of Hong Kong
The Faculty of Chinese Medicine, Macau University of Science & Technology
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