

**BACK PAIN AND HOW TO AVOID IT – A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR DENTISTS  
SW11-12-13-2**

Date and venue:

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Engineers' House, Clifton Down, Bristol, BS8 3NB

Course Organiser:

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Course Lecturers:

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**Programme**

**Part 1 - 'Where Does It Hurt?'**

Common sources of back pain, important clinical anatomy, relevance to dentistry  
Seats and sitting

**Practical:** Core stability and proprioception - the keys to spinal health

**Break**

**Part 2 – Why Does it Hurt? Why Me? Why Now?!**

Why back pain occurs and why it's not like the dental pains you treat every day  
Can you stretch your sciatic nerve? Would you want to?

**Practical:** Flexibility for dentistry

**Lunch**

**Part 3 – What Can I Do About it?**

Investigations and treatment options for back pain

**Practical:** Standing-up; avoiding fatigue during extractions

**Break**

**Part 4 – What to do next. Your key points**

Developing your own treatment plan for back pain  
Avoiding muscle aches

**Practical;** Trigger point release- a "good pain!"

**Close**

**You may wish to wear loose clothing, as there will be a large practical element to the course, with an opportunity to try specific exercises during each section. This helps to reinforce important points, and also gets you up and moving!**

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Qualified with a BSc(Hons) from the British School of Osteopathy in 1998, and has worked throughout the South West of England and in New Zealand.

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