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DATE OF BIRTH: 27/02/1948

PLACE OF BIRTH: Bolton, Lancashire

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: BDS (London)
LDSRCS (England)
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PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS:

General Dental Council :	45658
Gibraltar Medical Registration Board:	50046
Malaga College of Dentists:	29002423
Dental Protection Society:	92862
ICO:	ZA265890

EDUCATION

Stand Grammar School, Whitefield, Manchester	1959 - 1966
Royal Dental Hospital, University of London	1966 - 1971
Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry, part-time postgraduate endodontics	1978 - 1980
Biomaterials Science Unit, Department of Prosthetics and Department of Conservative Dentistry, Manchester Dental Hospital, part time M.Sc. Research.	1981 - 1984
Biomaterials Science Unit, Department of Prosthetics and Department of Conservative Dentistry, Manchester Dental Hospital, part time Ph.D. Research.	1986 - 1991

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

B.D.S.	Royal Dental Hospital of London	1971
L.D.S.R.C.S.	Royal College of Surgeons of England	1972
M.Sc.	University of Manchester (An investigation into the relative merits of some endodontic filling systems)	1984
Ph.D.	University of Manchester (Development and evaluation of endodontic filling and pulp capping materials)	1991
M.F.G.D.P. (UK)	Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (United Kingdom)	1992
	Specialist Endodontic Register, General Dental Council	1998
	Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate	2005
	Member Expert Witness Institute	2008
	Expert, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)	2010
	Certificate in Medical Reporting	2013
	Associate member, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)	2021
	Accredited Dental Expert Witness (several thousand reports prepared to date)	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

General Practice (NHS & Private)	1972 - 1993
Specialist Referral Endodontic Practice	1981 to date
Honorary Research Associate, Department of Restorative Dentistry, Manchester University	1985 - 1992
Clinical Assistant in Restorative Dentistry, University Dental Hospital of Manchester	1991 - 1992
Lecturer (Part time), Department of Restorative Dentistry, Manchester University	1992 - 1995
Visiting Fellow, Singapore Ministry of Health, funded by the Health Manpower Development Plan	1994
Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Restorative Dentistry, Manchester University	1996 to date
UK Clinical Consultant, NT Co, USA	1993 – 1996

DENTO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

My specialist fields are Endodontics and dental/facial injuries. I have been in Specialist Referral Endodontic Practice for over thirty years, and am a Registered Specialist in Endodontics with The General Dental Council.

I am a certificated Expert Witness, and have obtained Part 1 of the Certificate of Medical reporting. I have been preparing reports for over 20 years and have to date prepared over 2,000. I currently prepare in the region of 125 – 150 reports p/a. My current ratio of claimant/defendant/SJE is approx. 80/19/1 respectively, and PI/Clinical Negligence approx. 90/10.

Federation of Forensic and Expert Witnesses Specialist Endodontist and Dental Expert of the Year 2019.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Student Member: British Dental Association	1969 - 1972
Member: British Dental Association	1972 to date
Member: Medical Protection Society	1972 to date
Member: Friends of the Hebrew Universities, Manchester Dental Section/Alpha Omega	1972 to date
Member: British Endodontic Society	1975 to date
Honorary Secretary: Alpha Omega, Manchester	1975 – 1979
Member: Dental Postgraduate Society of Manchester	1976 - 2008
Member: American Association of Endodontists	1977 to date
Honorary Treasurer: B.D.A. Manchester and Salford Section	1977 - 1979
Chairman: Alpha Omega, Manchester	1979 - 1981
Chairman: B.D.A. Manchester and Salford Section	1979 - 1981
Member: Manchester Medical Society	1982 to date
Elected Council Member: East Lancs and East Cheshire Branch, B.D.A.	1983 - 1985
Honorary Secretary: Dental Postgraduate Society of Manchester	1984 - 1987
Honorary Treasurer: British Endodontic Society	1984 - 1990
Principal: North West Dental Seminars	1985 to date
Elected Branch Representative: Representative Board British Dental Association	1985 - 1988
Elected Member: Bolton Local Dental Committee	1985 - 1989
Elected Branch Representative: Benevolent Fund B.D.A.	1985 - 1988
Elected Council Member: Manchester Medical Society - Section of Odontology	1986 - 1988
Chairman: Dental Postgraduate Society of Manchester	1987 - 1992
Member: Structure Review Committee, B.D.A.	1987 - 1988
President Elect: Manchester Medical Society - Section of Odontology	1988 - 1989
President: Manchester Medical Society - Section of Odontology	1989 - 1990
President Elect: British Endodontic Society	1991 - 1992
President: British Endodontic Society	1992 - 1993
Chairman: Friends of the Hebrew Universities, Manchester Dental Section	1993 – 1994 2009 to date
Honorary Treasurer: Dental Postgraduate Society of Manchester	1995 - 2008
Member: International Dental Federation	1995 - 2003
Honorary Treasurer: Friends of the Hebrew Universities, Manchester Dental Section	1999
Ditto	2003 – 2009
Member: North West Endodontic Study Circle	2001 to date
Treasurer: North West Endodontic Study Circle	2001 -2007
Member: Editorial Board, Endodontic Practice	2001 to date
Member: Expert Witness Institute	2008 to date
Associate Member: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers	2021 to date

NON PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Full driving licence	1965
Advanced motorist	1966
Full motorcycle licence	1991
Private Pilots licence	2000
Night flying rating	2001
National Private Pilots licence	2003
Instrument Meteorological Rating	2008
International Certificate in Competency: Powerboats	2003

NON PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director:	Hydraulic Platform Services (NW) Limited	1972 - 1980
Director:	Boxmoor Properties Limited	1974 - 1980
Part-time Sales Director:	Hydraulic Platform Services (NW) Limited	1978 - 1980
Director:	Cullrate Ltd.T/A Action Freight Forwarders	1978 - 1980
Principal:	Delta Export and Freight Services	1978 - 1980

NON-PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

A Mouthful of Humour – The Dentist Bites Back
Published by Vanguard Press, 2023

NON PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

President: B'nai Brith Youth Organisation, Manchester Lodge	1963 - 1965
Chairman: Junior British Empire Cancer Campaign, Manchester	1964 - 1966
Member: Institute of Advanced Motorists	1965 to date
Elected Board Member: Manchester Jewish Social Services	1972 - 1985
Honorary Secretary: Manchester Jewish Social Services	1973 - 1975
Member: Greater Manchester Jewish Housing Association	1974 - 1987
Honorary Treasurer: Manchester Jewish Social Services	1975 - 1978
Vice-President: Manchester Jewish Social Services	1978 - 1983
Member: Hillel House Housing Association	1982 - 2000
Vice-Chairman: Greater Manchester Jewish Housing Association	1982 - 1984
Honorary Secretary: Prestwich Hebrew Congregation	1986 - 1988
Honorary Treasurer: Prestwich Hebrew Congregation	1988 - 1991
Elected Member: Jewish Representative Council of Manchester	1991 - 1993
Executive Member: Jewish Representative Council of Manchester	1992 - 1993
Vice President: Prestwich Hebrew Congregation	1999 - 2000
President: Prestwich Hebrew Congregation	2000 - 2003
Reader – Northern Jewish Talking Newspaper	1998 to date
Producer - Northern Jewish Talking Newspaper	2006 to date
Technician/recorder - Northern Jewish Talking Newspaper	2015 to date
LEA Governor – Parrenthorn High School	2008 - 2012

HOBBIES

Private aircraft flying
Collating the family tree
Collecting whisky and vodka miniatures
Learning Spanish/Violin/Bass guitar
Computing
Skiing
Working

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Cohen, B.D. (1982)
The McSpadden Compactor.
Dental Practice, 20: (18 Oct) 13-14
2. Greene, P.R. and Cohen, B.D. (1983)
Connections: The inter-relationship between endodontic and periodontic disease.
Dental Practice, 21: (21) 1 - 3, (22) 7 - 10, (23) 14 - 16, (24) 4 - 5
3. Cohen, B.D. (1984)
An investigation into the relative merits of some endodontic filling systems.
M.Sc. Thesis, University of Manchester
4. Cohen, B.D., Combe, E.C. and Lilley, J.D. (1984)
Some thermal characteristics of gutta percha.
Journal of Dental Research, Vol. 63, p.511. Abs.190
5. Cohen, B.D. (1991)
Development and evaluation of endodontic filling and pulp capping materials.
Ph.D. Thesis, University of Manchester
6. Cohen, B.D. (1992)
Microflow condensers and alpha seal gutta percha - six month evaluation.
Dental Practice, Vol. 30.
7. Cohen, B.D., Combe, E.C., Watts, A. and Paterson, R.C. (1992)
Adhesive Calcium Hydroxide Formulations.
Journal of Dental Research, Vol. 72, p.539. Abs. 188.
8. Watts, A., Paterson, R.C., Cohen, B.D. and Combe, E.C. (1992)
Pulp response to a novel adhesive calcium hydroxide based cement.
Journal of Dental Research, Vol. 72, p.539, Abs. 189
9. Cohen, B.D., Combe, E.C. and Lilley, J.D. (1992)
Effect of thermal placement techniques on some physical properties of dental gutta percha.
International Endodontic Journal, Vol. 25, 292 - 296
10. Cohen, B.D. and Combe, E.C. (1994)
Development of new adhesive pulp capping materials.
Dental Update, 21:.(2), March, 57 - 62
11. Cohen, B.D. and Greene, P.R. (1994)
The Quayside Convention for the clarification of confused molars.
British Dental Journal, 177: (11 - 12), 401
12. Greene, P.R. and Cohen, B.D. (1994)
Perio - Endo Knots Unravalled
Perioprobe, 1: (2), 4 - 6
13. Cohen, B.D., Combe, E.C., Watts, A. and Paterson, R.C. (1994)
The Development of Two New Lining/Base Materials Based upon Calcium Hydroxide/Polyacrylic Acid.
European Journal of Prosthetics and Restorative Dentistry, 2; (4), 179 – 182

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS cont

14. Watts, A., Paterson, R.C., Cohen, B.D. and Combe, E.C. (1994)
Pulp response to a Novel Adhesive Calcium Hydroxide Based Cement.
European Journal of Prosthetics and Restorative Dentistry, 3: (1), 27 - 32
15. Cohen, B.D. (1999)
The 10 Commandments: Optimum Quality Endodontics.
Endodontic Practice, 11: (3), 7 - 17.
16. Combe, E.C., Cohen, B.D. and Cummings, K. (2001)
Alpha and Beta forms of gutta percha in products for root canal filling.
International Endodontic Journal, 34: (6), 447 - 451
17. Cohen, B.D., Combe, E.C. and Lilley, J.D.
Heat generation in the root canal during thermatic compaction. In preparation.
18. Cohen, B.D.
Single visit endodontics. A literature review.
In preparation.
19. Cohen, B.D.
The use of Low Level Laser Therapy Following Endodontic Therapy.
In preparation.

PATENTS

1. E.C. Combe, J.H. Collett and B.D. Cohen.
Dental Compositions, Procedure and Method.
U.K. Patent Application No. 899051212.0.
Filed 7th March 1989.
2. E.C. Combe, B.D. Cohen and A.D. Wilson.
Dental Cement.
European Patent Application No. 90313042.5
Filed 30th November 1990.
3. E.C. Combe, B.D. Cohen and A.D. Wilson (1992)
Dental Cement.
United States Patent No. 5141560
4. E.C. Combe, B.D. Cohen and A.D. Wilson (1993)
Dental Cement.
United Kingdom Patent No. 2239022

GRANTS RECEIVED

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| 1. | 1987 | D.T.I. European Regional Development Grant
Reference NWF 19357/NQE for development of
novel root canal filling systems. | £35,000 |
| 2. | 1988 | Jointly with E.C. Combe.
British Technology Group Grant
For development of novel pulp capping
cements | £55,000 |
| 3. | 1992 | Jointly with N.H.F. Wilson.
Ronvig Instruments A/S Grant 1992
(E.E.C. Research Project in Low Laser Therapy)
"A Clinical Evaluation of the Effects of
Low Level Laser Therapy on Post-Endodontic
Symptoms" | £ 4,250 |