

Newsfeature

Rising stars of endodontics

We introduce the winners of the **Young Dentist Endodontic Award 2016**



Satnam Singh Virdee, first prize recipient of Young Dentist Endodontic Award 2016 (left) with Dr Julian Webber (right)

The three winners of the Young Dentist Endodontic Award in 2016 have been described by the judges as 'rising stars of dentistry'. Jasneet Gulati, David Bretton and Satnam Singh Virdee, all aged 26, impressed the judges with their committed, evidence-based approach to patient care.

Announcing the winners, Julian Webber, founder of the Harley Street Centre for Endodontics and creator of the award, said he was impressed and proud of all the



Left to right: Professor Andrew Eder, Dr Julian Webber, Satnam Singh Virdee, David Bretton and Dr Trevor Lamb

entries in 2016. Deciding who should take the first three places had been very challenging for him and his co-judges, colleague and endodontic specialist Trevor Lamb; and Professor Andrew Eder, of the UCL Eastman Dental Institute and Pro-Vice-Provost at UCL.

'As we looked through these entries, supported by extensive references and a highly rigorous approach, from diagnosis and presentation of options to the shaping,

cleaning and obturation of canals, at every stage using the correct technique we had to keep reminding ourselves that these young dentists were effectively still in training. They are rising stars in the field of endodontics and a credit to their teaching hospitals and tutors.'

'Extensive skill'

Emphasising how difficult it had been to rank three such fine entries, Dr Webber declared Satnam Singh Virdee the winner. 'His was the most technically challenging case. The tooth had been treated before, but poorly, and the canals were curved with apices close to the maxillary sinus. This was the kind of case for which a specialist referral would normally be warranted.'

David Bretton, who took second place, presented a routine endodontic case but executed to a very high standard and his entry communicated strongly his passion for endodontics. Jasneet Gulati, who is now working in Singapore and could not be at the event, took third place with his treatment of an 18-year-old who required MTA for apical closure, demonstrating extensive skill and achieving an excellent result.

Satnam Singh Virdee, who is now a restorative dental core trainee at Cardiff Dental Hospital, was the winner of an X-Smart IQ Waveone Gold starter kit with dual cordless motor and iPad mini from Dentsply. David Bretton, an associate in general practice, won a P5 Newtron XS ultrasonic irrigation unit with Endo Success retreatment kit from Acteon; and Jasneet Gulati, now in Singapore, won a Morita ZX apex locator from Quality Endodontics Distributors (QED). **D**