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AROUND THE WORLD

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The Past, the Present and the Future

What was the first dental prosthesis made of? When were anaesthetics initially used? Who invented the hydraulic dental chair? We can look all this up in books or on the internet, or we can go and see it in 3D and colour in a Museum where history truly becomes alive. Every day - items used and touched in a different epoch, by people that are long gone, are building a bridge from the past to the present and sometimes even enable us to have a small glimpse into the future.

No Pain, no Gain
Museums in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia display thousands of fascinating objects, photographs, documents and curiosities from various fields of dentistry. Looking at an ancient hand drill, knowing that ether wasn't discovered yet, makes us feel the pain of our ancestors, and appreciate the massive progress made in Dentistry even more. Things from the past teach us how we came to know what we know to-day and how difficult it often was to develop new methods. It is inspiring to witness the strength and perseverance of the pioneers of the profession who pushed open the doors to our future.

Big or Small
No matter if a Museum has 2000 artefacts or only 20, 200 square metres or only five, we had a closer look at museums from around the world which preserve some of our dental heritage.
Bishop’s Lodge

Hay

Bishop’s Lodge is an 1888 iron house designed by architect John Sulman and the Bishop of the Riverina to combat the region’s extreme climate. The building is surrounded by a historic garden, which contains a remarkable collection of heritage roses, many of which are unique to the garden.

Hugh Linton’s dental tools (1910) are on display.

351 Moama Street,
Hay, NSW 2711

http://www.bishopslogehay.com/
Canowindra Museum

Canowindra

The Canowindra Museum was established in a former school building which was transported from the outlying center of Murga in 1970. Highlights of the Museum are the shepherd’s hut circa 1828, Harold Boyd’s complete dental surgery and a wedding gown collection from 1881.

Memorial Park
Gaskil Street
Canowindra, NSW 2804

Harry Daly Museum

Sydney

The museum explores humanity’s quest for the relief from pain. From the use of the poppy and mandragora, to the discovery of curare and thence today’s highly advanced pharmaceuticals.
What would dentistry be without it?
Visits only by appointment Thursday and Fridays between 10am - 4pm

Level 7
121 Walker Street
North Sydney NSW

Australia - NSW - Sydney

Dental Alumni Museum
Westmead /Sydney

Opened in spring 2015, this extensive museum, containing 12 display cases with more than 300 items which are located on multiple levels in the Westmead Centre of Oral Health is the newest addition to the Dental Museums in NSW. You can find lots of rare and curios artefacts, such as Extracting Keys from the 18th century, anatomical teaching models, a drug case for the traveling dentist and a beautifully restored dental surgery including a dental chair from the 1900s.

Darcy Road
Westmead Wentworthville
NSW 2145
Dental Alumni Museum
*Dental Hospital/Sydney & University of Sydney*

Two other locations for the Dental Alumni Museum are the Dental Hospital and the University of Sydney/Edward Ford Building. In the University the Museum, first established in 1956, is revitalised with artefacts including historic dentures, extraction and drilling instruments. All displayed items will relate to the time when dentistry was part of the Faculty of Medicine. The Dental Hospital contains one case with about 40 items.

Sydney Dental Hospital
2 Chalmers Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010

Sydney School of Public Health
Edward Ford Building
University of Sydney
NSW 2006
Lambing Flat Folk Museum
Young

The museum is divided into several themed rooms. There are everyday Items of the Past - both household and farm items, from an ‘Autogen Gas Light Machine’ to a butter churn. Specialty areas include the display of Dental Equipment, and the extensive Hairdressing collection.

2 Campbell Street
Young NSW 2594

http://lambingflatmuseum.webs.com/
Australia - NSW - Sydney

Power House Museum
Sydney

The collection spans history, science, technology, design, industry, decorative arts, music and transport. 130 Dental artefacts are on display or in the archives. For example a Dental Chair dating back to the 1900s, various Laboratory equipment and supplies 1910-1980, Apparatus for melting and casting dental gold, appointment books, record cards, and x-ray records from the 1930s.

500 Harris St,
Ultimo, NSW 2000

http://www.powerhousemuseum.com/
Harden - Murrumburrah Museum

Harden - Murrumburrah

Rescued out of a fire that destroyed the local surgery, dental equipment from the 1930’s were rescued and restored. They are now displayed on two stories in the old school building, together with other collections focusing on local history; Bound copies of local newspapers, photographs, clothing, a chemist shop and a blacksmith shop are among the exhibits from the good old days.

298 Albury Street
Murrumburrah NSW

The dental library, located in the University of Queensland, holds over 5000 books, journals and over 200 videos concerning dental materials, oral pathology, orthodontics, paediatric dentistry, endodontics, oral health, oral pathology, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery and the history of dentistry.

The University of Queensland
Brisbane QLD 4072

https://www.library.uq.edu.au/locations/dentistry-library#collections
South Australian Medical Heritage Society
Virtual Museum

An online Museum dedicated to the Medical Heritage of South Australia, with a section about the development of dentistry in SA including many interesting and well described photographs.

Begg Museum  
Adelaide

The University of Adelaide dedicated a big display case to one of its most famous lecturers, Dr. Raymond Begg. His orthodontic light- wire appliance system was recognized as one of the 100 significant Australian innovations since Federation in 1901. There is also a comprehensive power point presentation about him and his work under: cdn.samhs.org.au/Dr%20P%20R%20Begg.ppt

North Terrace Campus  
University of Adelaide  
SA 5005 Australia
Henry Forman Atkinson Dental Museum
Melbourne

The Henry Forman Atkinson Dental Museum contains over 2500 objects, photographs, documents and catalogues about the history of dentistry and dental education in Victoria. Objects in the collection date from the early 1700s and provide insights into the changes and developments within the dental profession and its striving to improve the standard of dental education, dental health and dental care within Victoria.

Henry Forman Atkinson Dental Museum
Melbourne Dental School
720 Swanston Street Carlton,
3053, Victoria, Australia

Pharmacy Museum
Coolgardie

The Pharmacy Museum in Coolgardie houses an extensive pharmaceutical collection in the Old Coolgardie Drill Hall. Regarded as one of the best pharmaceutical displays in Australia it includes early medicines, dental tools and a range of fascinating old advertisements and posters.

Old Coolgardie Drill Hall,
Coolgardie, 6429

http://www.australiasgoldenoutback.com/Listing/Pharmacy_Museum
Mandurah Community Museum

*Mandurah*

The Museum features photographs, objects and information which reflects the progression of Mandurah from pre-settlement through its current state. It includes Mandurah’s first foot pedalled dentist drill, as prior to 1932, Mandurah had no electrical power.

3 Pinjarra Road,
Mandurah WA 6210

http://www.mandurahcommunitymuseum.org/index.asp
Medical Museum of Western Australia

Perth

Harvey House in Barker Road Subiaco is home to the Western Australian Medical Museum. It has a collection of estimated 5,000 objects, photographs, artefacts and documents relating to the history of medicine, dentistry and public health in Western Australia. Among other important medical developments the museum shows vividly what a trip to the dentist would have been like eighty years ago.

Medical Museum of Western Australia
Cnr Barker & Railway Road
Subiaco WA 6008

http://www.collectionsaustralia.net/org/887/about
Museum of Medical Science

Hong Kong

The Museum, close to central Hong Kong was established in 1996, and is a unique institution charting the historical development of medical sciences in Hong Kong. It has a whole section dedicated to dentistry, including a dental Operating theatre, equipment and an anaesthetic machine.

Museum of Medical Science
2 Caine Lane, Mid-Levels
Hong Kong

http://www.hkmms.org.hk/English/main.htm
Japan - Aichi

GC Prostho Museum Research Centre
Aichi

The real star of the museum is certainly the building itself. When the manufacturer of dental prosthesis needed office-and exhibition space, the Japanese architects came up with the magnificent idea to use 6000 cypress rods to form a three dimensional gridded structure one of the biggest of its kind in the world. The Museum contains dentures from the last 50 Years.

Prostho Museum
2-294 Torii Matsu Machi
Kasugai-shi
Aichi Prefecture, Japan

http://kkaa.co.jp/works/architecture/prostho-museumresearch-center/
Zahnmuseum Linz
(Tooth museum)
Linz

The Museum is solely dedicated to dentistry, even the display cabinets, especially designed by the well-known Exhibition Architects Gnigler und Wilhelm, are in the shape of giant molars. Impressive exhibits from the 1700s till the most recent dental tools, document the development in dentistry in the last 400 Years.

Im Alten Rathaus
Hauptplatz 1,
A-4010 Linz

http://www.zahnmuseum-linz.at
Europe - Austria - Vienna

Zahnmuseum Wien
(Tooth museum Vienna)
Vienna

Located in the heart of Vienna lies the “Zahn” museum. It accommodates a Dental Surgery 1870, dental tools of all ages, Dental Chairs, X-ray machines, ivory dentures, a Mammoth - tooth and various paintings. The Museum is close to lots of coffee houses. A great opportunity to try a “Melange” or a “small bowl of gold”, which are just two of the many coffee specialities Vienna is famous for.

Zahnmuseum
Waehringer Str.25
Wien 1090

http://zahnmuseum.at/index.html
Musée dentaire de Lyon

Lyon

Located in the dental faculty of the University of Lyon, one room displays dental tools devoted to different dental themes like operative dentistry, surgery, prosthesis or orthodontics which are surrounded by pictures of dental scenes and the famous paintings by Madam Durif-Bedel. There is also a library hosting 2700 works.

Musée d'Art Dentaire
Faculté d’Odontologie
11 Rue Guillaume Paradin, 69008 Lyon

http://odontologie.univ-lyon1.fr/presentation/the-dental-museum/
Italy - Rome - Vatican City

Vatican Museums

The Vatican Museums contain over 70,000 works of art, including the Sistine Chapel and the Raphael Rooms. The Vatican Library houses one of the largest collections of rare manuscripts in the world.
Europe – France- Toulouse

Musee’ dentaire Toulouse

Toulouse

The Museum in Toulouse has a rich collection of dental equipment. Dental chairs, pedal drills, various hand pieces, etchings, paintings, advertisement and brochures. At the entry of the museum you'll find a complete dental surgery from 1895.

Faculte de chirurgie dentaire
Université Toulouse III - Paul Sabatier -
118 route de Narbonne
31062 TOULOUSE CEDEX

http://dентаire.upstlse.fr/27298244/0/fiche___pagelibre/&RH=ACC_DENTAIRE&RF=12560 27270747
Dental Historisches Museum
(Dental Historic Museum)
Zschadraß

250 m² in size, the Museum in Saxony features an impressive collection. The artefacts are donated from private collectors or they are coming from the archives of German dental companies. The Collection helps to understand the history of Dentistry as well as its influence in Art—and Cultural. It includes newspaper clippings, sculptures, Dental chair from 1910, Ritter x-ray machine 1930, complete Dental Surgery 1888 and many objects related to dental hygiene and oral health.

Dental Historisches Museum
Im Park 9b
04680 Colditz – OT Zschadraß

http://www.dentalmuseum.eu/index.html
Europe - Russia - St. Petersburg

Museum of Dentistry
St. Petersburg

The academic museum opened in 1987 and is located in the St. Petersburg’s Polyclinic. The 1500 articles are divided into three sections. History of dentistry, dental health education and a library of medicine. Old Photo albums and academic papers share the 65 square meters with dental appliances and equipment.

Kolomyazhskiy Prospekt, 36
St. Petersburg, Russia

Museo de Odontología

Madrid

The small collection in Madrids University is mainly made up by 19th and 20th century items, such as teaching materials, tools and dental instruments, like forceps and anaesthetic equipment.

Avenida de Séneca,
2 Ciudad Universitaria
28040 MADRID, Spain

https://www.ucm.es/m.odontologia
**British Dental Association Museum**  
*London*

This is the place to find out about the history of dental care in the UK. With over 20,000 items the museum has the largest collection of material relating to the history of dentistry in the UK, from its time as a marketplace spectacle to the complex procedures and treatment of today.

BDA  
64 Wimpole St.  
London, WIG8YS, UK

http://www.bda.org/museum/about-the-museum/
Sibbald Library
Royal College of Physicians
Edinburgh

The Library is the oldest and the largest, medical library in Scotland and archives over 60,000 books, including a copy of the first edition of the first book printed on medicine published in 1478. The first authoritative book on dentistry “A little treatise on the teeth” (1563) is featured here as well.

RCPE
9 Queen St.
Edinburgh, EH21JQ, UK
http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/about-rcpe/introduction-history-library
Europe - United Kingdom - Edinburgh

Surgeons Hall Museum
Edinburgh

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh was founded in 1505, and started to establish a museum in 1699. The Dental Collection is one of the finest in the UK and demonstrates the development of dentistry from its earliest days to modern times. It includes many rare artefacts from world cultures and has especially important domestic instruments and items. The core of the collection was given to the College by John Menzies Campbell, a Glasgow dentist and significant dental historian. The collection includes dental instruments, artefacts, prints, paintings, engravings and models. Altogether 674 items related to dentistry can be found in the Surgeons Hall.

Surgeons’ Hall Museums
Nicolson Street
Edinburgh, EH8 9DW
Museum is currently closed for renovations. Reopens in Summer 2015.

http://www.museum.rcsed.ac.uk
North America – Canada - Alberta

Dentistry Museum
Alberta

The Museum highlights the technical changes and the development in dentistry at the University of Alberta over the past 80 years. The extensive collection contains a variety of artefacts, such as animal and human tooth samples, models, and animal skulls. It includes historically significant instruments, equipment and furnishings.

Dentistry Museum
Department of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene
Alberta T6G 2N8

North America – Canada - Montreal

Osler Library
Montreal

The Osler Library of the History of Medicine opened in 1929 to house the collection of rare medical and other books donated by Sir William Osler, the renowned physician and McGill graduate and professor. Initially comprising 8000 titles listed in the Bibliotheca Osleriana, it has grown to around 100,000 works including older and rare materials as well as current books.

McIntyre Medical Building
3rd floor
3655 Promenade Sir William Osler Montreal
Quebec H3G 1Y6

http://www.mcgill.ca/library/branches/osler/about
A.W. Ward Museum of Dental History
San Francisco

The museum is sponsored by the University of the Pacific - School of Dentistry in San Francisco. The collection includes thousands of dental artefacts from diverse periods and fields of dentistry like dental furniture, equipment, products and photographs starting from the 1700’s.

155 Fifth St.
San Francisco, CA 94103

http://dental.pacific.edu/Institute_of_Dental_History_and_Craniofacial_Study/Museum_Collections.html
North America – USA - Bainbridge

Harris Dental School Museum
Bainbridge

Built as a residence in 1815, it once housed the first dental school in the United States, and it is now operated as a museum. The house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 under the name of “Dr. John Harris Dental School" and has been restored to an almost original condition.

208 Main Street
Bainbridge, Ohio 4561

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harris_Dental_Museum
Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine

Boston

As one of the largest medical libraries in the world, it serves various Harvard Schools, Boston Medical Library and Medical Societies. It holds more than 630,000 volumes, subscribes to 3,500 current journal titles and houses over 10,000 biomedical journals. The library also houses one of the world's leading medical history collections.

10 Shattuck St.
Boston, MA 02115.
USA

https://www.countway.harvard.edu/menuNavigation/aboutCountway.html
Historical Dental Museum
Philadelphia

Located at in the Temple University, the displays include the recreation of a nineteenth-century Victorian dental office, outfitted with period objects and furniture, as well as a collection of photographs and dental equipment. Very popular is the tooth necklace and other memorabilia of ‘Painless Parker’, a former student and notorious dentist who roamed the streets of Philadelphia in the 1900’s.

1801 N Broad St,
Philadelphia,
PA 19122, United States

http://temple.pastperfect-online.com/
The Kottemann Gallery of Dentistry

Located on the fifth floor of the College of Dentistry in the University of Illinois, the Kottemann Gallery displays graphics, text, and approximately 200 artefacts of dental equipment and instruments. The Gallery chronicles the innovative research and accomplishments of the College's faculty.

College of Dentistry
University of Illinois
Paulina Street
Chicago, IL 60612-7211

http://www.uic.edu/depts/dort/gallery.html
Macaulay Museum of Dental History

Charleston

The Museum houses an impressive collection of dental memorabilia, including a dental office of circa 1900; a series of dental chairs spanning many years, including a child's chair; and a traveling dentist's chest of the Civil War era. Collecting this material was the lifelong dedication of Dr. Neill Macaulay. You have to pre book a tour if you want to visit the museum.

Macaulay Museum of Dental History
175 Ashley Ave.
MSC 403 Charleston, SC 29425

http://waring.library.musc.edu/macaulay.php
National Museum of Dentistry

Baltimore

The collection of 40,000 - objects include dental instruments, furniture and artwork. Highlights are the ivory dentures of George Washington and an extensive toothbrush collection ranging from the 1800’s till today. The Museum claims to have the most important dental collection in the world. It is located in the University of Maryland and can be visited by appointment only.

National Museum of Dentistry
31 S. Greene St.
Baltimore
MD 21201, USA

http://www.dental.umaryland.edu/museum/index.html
National Institute of Health - Stetten Museum

Bethesda

The museum preserves, documents, and interprets the history of the NIH. Its collection focuses on scientific instruments important to the history of medical research at the NIH, especially instruments designed at the NIH. About 170 onsite or virtual articles are related to dentistry. Exhibits are scattered across the NIH campus.

1 Cloister Court
Suite 230 National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD 20814-1460 US

North America - USA - Las Vegas

Pierre Fauchard Museum
Las Vegas

The Museum was established in 2000 and houses many instruments, uniforms dental chairs and cabinets. Remarkable is the extensive collection of Dental Lithographs from all over the world and from different eras of dentistry.

Pierre Fauchard Museum
6375 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas
NV 89146, USA

Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry

Ann Arbor

The Museum was created in 1991 with a gift from Gordon H. Sindecuse, a 1921 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. The collection containing over 15,000 objects focused on the history of dentistry with particular interest on dental practice and technology in the United States and Michigan dating from the 18th century to today.

Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry
University of Michigan
1011 N. University - G565
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1078

http://www.dent.umich.edu/about-school/sindecuse-museum/sindecuse-museum-dentistry
University of Nebraska Dentistry Museum

Lincoln

The UNMC College of Dentistry began its museum in 1977. The museum collection represents the history of dentistry in Nebraska, which began in the 1850s. It displays five period dental offices from the 1850s -1930s, a laboratory from the 1890s along with thousands of other dental artefacts.

University of Nebraska
College of Dentistry
40th & Holdrege Streets
Lincoln, NE 68583-0740

http://www.unmc.edu/dentistry/continuinged/museum/index.htm
The archive collection contains historical materials and photographs pertaining to the history of Eastman Dental Dispensary in Rochester, New York. Patrons are welcome to use these materials, located in the Bibby library, during normal hours of operation. All content is as well available online.

Eastman Dental
Room 208
625 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, New York 14620

http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/libraries/bibby/history/
South America - Brazil - Sao Paolo

Instituto Museu e Biblioteca de Odontologia de Sao Paulo  
Sao Paulo

The Museum and Library was founded in 1986 by Elias Rosenthal and supported by the Association of dental surgeons (APCD).

250 m² are dedicated to the history of dentistry, a big Library, study and research. The collection contains 10,000 items. The detailed reconstruction of dental surgeries, many appliances, pictures, books, magazines and instruments dating back to the 14th century are just some of the highlights. The museum claims to be the biggest and best of its kind in America.

Rua Voluntários da Pátria  
547 - Santana  
São Paulo -

www.eliasrosenthal.med.br/museu.html
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