

cpdassist

For the Irish Dental Association

Background

The Irish Dental Association (IDA) is the professional body that represents the majority of general dental practitioners, specialists and health board dental surgeons in Ireland. It has over 1,340 members and aims to promote policies which benefit dental practice and dental care and promote higher standards and improvements in oral health. The IDA provides a wide range of services for members including education training.

Challenge

The IDA contracted us to develop a software tool to allow dentists to manage their continuing professional development online.

Our challenge was to develop a comprehensive online CPD management system that would:

- provide each member of the IDA with a personalised CPD portal;

Clients Say:

"cpdassist has a searchable catalogue of approved training activities and easy to use 'record' and 'reflect' functions, so that members can plan, document and assess completed CPD activities throughout the year.

Our administrators can run reports to gain a better insight into CPD activity across the professional body and offer more targeted training opportunities."

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- make it easier for members to complete their CPD cycle and submit their records for verification through the online system; and
- support the IDA in delivering, monitoring and verifying CPD activities across the entire professional body.

Solution

We knew that our existing **cpdassist** tool had the core features that the IDA needed, however we needed to customise and rebrand it to suit the customer's needs.

cpdassist includes the following features:

CPD portfolio

Includes easy to use 'record' and 'reflect' functions, so that members can plan, document and assess completed CPD activities throughout the year.

Online catalogue of courses

IDA administrators provide detailed information on all available training courses for the year. Members can view all training opportunities or view training courses based on their CPD plan/goal, their role within the industry and/or the identified competencies that they need to develop.

Reflect on CPD

Message centre

IDA administrators can send automated and/or targeted messages to advise members of news, events, training courses and submission deadlines.

Print centre

Members can print off records of their CPD activities, for example development goals and associated activities, CPD results and CPD portfolio summary.

Report centre

IDA administrators can run regional, national and international reports to get a general overview of CPD activity and get insights into competencies, development goals, training needs and training undertaken. They can use the print centre to print reports.

Resources

The resources section includes guidance and support to assist members of the IDA in their CPD.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

The frequently asked questions address common queries and provide simple answers.

Verifier interface

IDA verifiers can review members' annual returns and provide feedback on CPD activities undertaken through the online environment.

Record CPD

Outcomes

cpdassist has made it much easier for the IDA to deliver, monitor and verify CPD activities across the professional body.

Administrators can publicise training opportunities through a central system and run reports to measure CPD activity. Verifiers can process annual returns online therefore saving time and reducing administration costs.

It is now much easier for dentists to take part in and complete CPD activities. Each member can access their unique CPD portfolio through a secure log in system. **cpdassist** supports members through every stage of the CPD cycle, from evaluating their competencies, to identifying suitable training opportunities, to recording completed activities, reflecting on them and finally to making annual returns for verification online.

CPD Directory

CPD Search

Title:

Region:

Date: From To

Title	Training Provider	Learning Mode	Next Schedule	Type	Points
12 -15 May 2010 - Annual Conference	Irish Dental Association	Classroom		IDA sourced verifiable	25
12 Nov 2010 - Annual Scientific Meeting - Munster Branch	Irish Dental Association	Classroom		IDA sourced verifiable	7
14 Oct 2010 - Diagnosis and restoration of the severely worn dentition	Irish Dental Association	Classroom		IDA sourced verifiable	1
16 Sept 2010 - Metro Branch	Irish Dental Association	Classroom		IDA sourced verifiable	2

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