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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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Dear Sir or Madam

A STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BSCCP

At the last Annual General Meeting of the Society, a question arose from the audience about the use of local anaesthetic infiltration (e.g. Citanest and Octapressin) through dental syringes administered by colposcopist doctors and/or nurses in routine practice. The question arose because it appears that some nurses have been asked to justify using them by their pharmacy or Trust. The question of using Lugol's Iodine and Acetic Acid in diagnostic colposcopy was also raised.

There was unanimous recognition at Executive Committee level and at the Annual General Meeting assembly that all three of these agents are integral to the practice of colposcopy. John Tidy, Chairman of the NHSCSP QA Committee, reported that the NHSCSP also endorsed their use on the basis of the principle of 'custom and practice'.

These agents have been in use for three decades in routine diagnostic and therapeutic colposcopy and are established as the agents of choice at this time.

The BSCCP endorses their use unequivocally.

Yours faithfully

Walter Prendiville
President of the BSCCP