

Accountability in ear care?

Education, education, education!

Ear care expert, Rosemary Rodgers, has been researching best practice and accountability in ENT nursing.

Having spoken with the Medical Defence Union about the use of equipment for ear irrigation, she reports that each professional is accountable for any clinical action and for the safety of each patient they treat. The Royal College of Nursing backs this view. Ms Rodgers reports that: "It is up to the individual to provide a professional service according to the Code of Professional Conduct." In other words, each nursing professional is individually responsible for their action and for the consequences of those actions in the provision of professional care.

The only way to ensure correct medical conduct is to undergo appropriate training or retraining before providing patient care.

The manufacturers of the country's favourite electronic irrigator, the Propulse, can provide more information about education in ear care around the UK. Call the Mirage Health Group on 0845 130 5440, or e-mail uksales@miragehealthgroup.com.