I have just finished reading Morality: restoring the common good in divided times by Jonathan Sacks. It was an inspirational slow read, which was so enjoyable. I have just started Daniel Finkelstein’s Everything in Moderation, which is a collection of some of his best columns for The Times.

I love studies in politics, but I enjoy anything that’s funny or satirical too. Buddy Hackett, for instance… hilarious!

**DS:** What advice would you offer an upcoming dental student?

**MD:** Get yourself a mentor… learn from their mistakes.

**DS:** What was the best piece of advice you’ve ever received?

**MD:** When her baby was due, and she responded that the patient sneezed and the denture flew out just as the patient went to a restaurant, the maître d’ walked past. When she related this to me later, I completely fell apart with hysterical mirth…

**DS:** What’s the most embarrassing thing that’s ever happened to you?

**MD:** It’s terribly non-PC I’m afraid. I asked a patient when her baby was due, and she responded that the baby was already three years old… oops!

**DS:** What is the most challenging part of being a dental student?

**MD:** What if something goes wrong? ’Worry is interest you pay on a debt you don’t owe.’

**DS:** What advice would you give to someone setting up their own practice?

**MD:** Develop a system, the importance of trusted mentorship, and will be a challenge restoratively.

There will be a greater number of older patients in future who are keeping their teeth and will be a challenge restoratively.