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BSE AND DENTAL PRODUCTS

You may be interested in a comment from ^{the} committee under Dr Tyrrell that is looking into the research that needs to be done following the advent of BSE.

At their last meeting they saw the CSM guidelines and noted only parenteral and implanted products were affected. In the view of the clinician on the committee (Dr R G Will, who is also to be on the CSM/VPC BSE Committee) topical dental products would also be of concern, since there was a suggestion that kuru had been transmitted through the gums and/or gum abrasions. I do not know if there are any dental products that have bovine actives/intermediates and if so what you should do about them. Would they be missed by the current survey?

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