

Congratulations to eviDent

eviDent is an excellent partnership between researchers and practising professionals. Those who worked hard to establish this group deserve many congratulations for their brave progressive vision. eviDent is now achieving great results and demonstrating how the connection, not only between practice and research, but also between dentistry and medicine, is so important.

INTRODUCING THE ALLIANCE FOR A CAVITY FREE FUTURE (ACFF)

The Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future (ACFF) is a non-profit charitable organisation, led by a worldwide group of experts who have joined together to promote integrated clinical and public health action in order to stop caries initiation and progression, and to move towards a Cavity-Free Future for all communities.

As you can see from the world map (Fig. 1) there have been many chapters established around the world and there are more to add that have been established recently.

THE ACFF HAS SET SOME GOALS:

Goal 1: Every child born in 2026 and thereafter should stay cavity-free during their lifetime.

Goal 2: Within three years of a Chapter launch, 90 percent of dental schools and dental associations in the area should have accepted the philosophy behind the “new” approach of “caries as a continuum” in order to improve dental caries prevention and management.

Goal 3: ACFF and its Chapters will work collaboratively with a broad range of organisations to achieve a reduction in caries inequality within and across countries, in the context of both oral and general health.

Goal 4: By 2020, “regional” members of the Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future should have integrated, comprehensive and locally appropriate caries prevention and management systems and monitoring approaches developed and in place.

EVIDENT AND ACFF

Dr Melanie Hayes from The University of Melbourne developed an on-line training module in 2015 to assist practitioners in providing simple dietary advice in the dental setting which can positively influence patient behaviour.

Dr Hayes was also successful in the 2016 round of funding with her follow-up project which will build on the on-line



Figure 1: World Map showing ACFF Chapters (as at Dec 2014)

training module to help improve Motivational Interviewing skills with video resources. These resources will be of great use to practitioners working with their patients in the extremely important area of diet regulation.



For more information about ACFF please go to www.allianceforcavityfreefuture.org/

ACFF COMMUNITY GRANTS

In an effort to work towards the ACFF goals in Australia and New Zealand, ACFF Community Project Grants were developed, supported by Colgate. This program was set up in 2014 and the first grants were awarded for projects carried out in 2015. Application forms can be obtained from Dr Susan Cartwright at susan_cartwright@colpal.com.

DO YOU HAVE AN EVIDENT PROJECT IDEA THAT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN ACFF GRANT?

Applications for 2017 grants can be submitted from 1 October until 1 November 2016.



ACFF COMMUNITY GRANTS

INTRODUCTION
The ACFF is pleased to be able to offer a number of grants to help fund selected community projects. Over a period of five years, ACFF is offering a total of \$30,000 per year to those projects that will have positive impacts on oral & caries awareness to communities. These grants are proudly sponsored by Colgate.

THE GRANTS
The Committee will award grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 to selected projects each year from 2014 to 2019. The committee only grants a total of \$30,000 each year across all projects.

HOW TO APPLY
To apply for funding, applicants must complete an application form. These can be obtained by emailing susan_cartwright@colpal.com. Applications will open on 1st October each year and will remain open for four weeks, closing 31 November.

ASSESSMENT AND JUDGING CRITERIA
The following criteria will be employed to assess project viability:

- Applicant and proposed project meet the eligibility criteria.
- A comprehensive budget projection is made.
- Clear and appropriate aims and objectives are articulated.
- Clear and appropriate methodology is set out.
- A realistic timeline is in place.
- An effective method for evaluation of the project is proposed.
- Capacity for sustainability is demonstrated.
- The significance of the project is high.
- Levels of evidence to support the approach are provided.
- Expected results of the project are outlined.
- Project applicants have appropriate experience and qualifications.

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EVIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE AND COLGATE

Another project to highlight is a collaborative project between Melbourne University, eviDent and Colgate. This project will develop and evaluate an innovative approach for identifying type 2 diabetes and pre-diabetes in dental clinic settings and link to a medical referral system. This is important because:

- 280 Australians develop diabetes every day. That's one person every 5 minutes¹
- Early diagnosis and treatment of diabetes is critical to improving health outcomes
- Being able to identify type 2 diabetes in dental clinic settings will help patients to access treatment earlier for better long-term results
- Developing care pathways between dentists and medical practitioners is essential for holistic care



All the projects mentioned above are tackling important topics which have direct influence on health practice and impact on lives. They are steps along the path to improvement of healthcare-integration of screening for all health professionals

We look forward to the future of eviDent and the facilitation of research into practice that this group works towards.

¹www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/diabetes-in-australia

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