

eviDent goes international

eviDent wins international award

Dr Denise Bailey's recent trip to the International Association for Dental Research Conference (IADR) in San Diego served two purposes. Not only did she present eviDent's first poster, *'The creation of eviDent: an Australian dental practice-based research network'* (Dr Bailey with the poster pictured below), but she was pleased to accept the inaugural IADR Colgate Community-Based Research Award for Dental Caries Prevention. As Chief Investigator for the study, the award was presented to Dr Bailey, by the IADR's then President, Dr Maria Fidela de Lima Navarro.

Led by Dr Bailey, the pilot study investigates the use of general medical practitioners for providing information on preventing dental caries.

The study brings together the knowledge, support and membership of two practice-based research based networks, eviDent and VicReN. Through working closely with practitioners, the study's outcomes will be directly communicated to dental and medical professionals.

Dental caries is a major cause of toothache with symptoms including infection, bad breath, tooth loss and inflammation. Currently, one in four Australian adults have untreated caries.

The use of some medications for hypertension or depression can affect saliva production, which has the potential to lead to increased risk of dental caries.

The pilot study aims to increase general medical practitioners' understanding of the potential links between medication and dental caries, and improve the advice given to patients. - MQ



Above: IADR's Dr Maria Fidela de Lima Navarro presents Dr Denise Bailey with the inaugural IADR Colgate Community-Based Research Award for Dental Caries Prevention. Photo IADR

Below: Dr Denise Bailey with her poster. Photo MQ

