

## eviDent DPBRN Project - Diagnosis, treatment and maintenance of periodontal patients by general dentists



The eviDent project team was overwhelmed with the number of responses to the randomised online questionnaire. eviDent Chief Investigator, Prof. Ivan Darby (pictured) said; "The support of ADAVB members will help generate an evidence based approach to diagnosis, treatment and maintenance of periodontal patients that will benefit ADAVB members, their patients and the profession.

ADAVB members who gave up their time so willingly should be proud to be part of an eviDent project that will ultimately contribute to improved oral health".

There are relatively few reports about periodontal therapies in the general dental practice setting. This study seeks to determine the criteria used to establish a periodontal diagnosis, what types of periodontal therapies are provided and who provides periodontal therapies within general dental practices.

The specific aims of the study are to determine the criteria used in general practices to:

- Establish a diagnosis of health, gingivitis or mild, moderate or severe periodontitis;

- Triage periodontal care of patients with periodontitis among the dental hygienist, general dentist and periodontist; and
- Determine the interval of maintenance and recall of patients after active periodontal therapy.

The project team will shortly commence analysis of the data, before then comparing their findings with PEARL DPBRN's (New York) findings from a similar questionnaire.

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