

Practice based research made easy

Searching for a large CBD practice to be involved in the dental implant study, researcher Karen Escobar approached Dr Suzanne Hanlin one day when she was at the Melbourne Dental School. Dr Hanlin readily agreed, resulting in several hundred cases from the practice being made available.

Dr Hanlin's practice manager, Ms Sarah-Jayne Tregilles, met with Wendy Thomson and Karen and worked out how to access the patients' files without causing too much disruption to the practice.

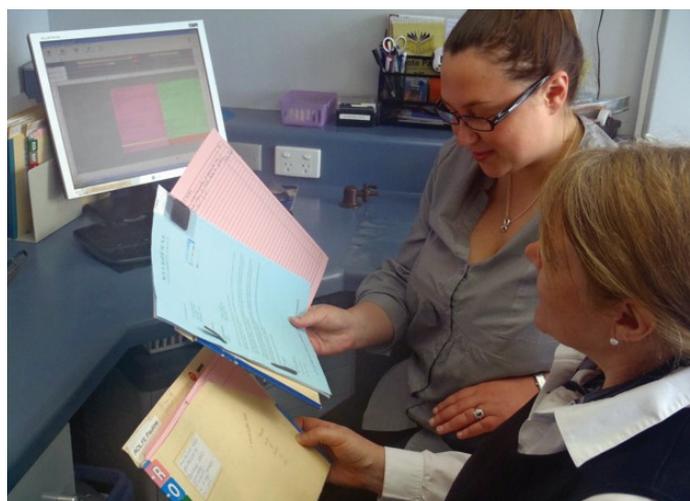
Because of the size of the undertaking and the need for space, this meeting was important. Working through the issues – the number of files, the size of the practice, the demands on staff, access to a computer terminal, and space - a solution was found. And ... it was easy – do the research on the days when Dr Hanlin was not in the surgery. This allowed Wendy and Karen to use Dr Hanlin's room and her computer. Dr Hanlin's staff assisted when necessary.

Before Karen and Wendy started visiting the Collins Street practice, Dr Hanlin gathered information about the implant project and eviDent itself from the network's website – www.evident.net.au – and disseminated it to practice staff so everyone knew what was happening and what the project was.

Karen and Wendy averaged processing about 10 patient cards each a day.

"The practice would have had difficulty in taking part in the project had the researcher not been able to be flexible and work here during the days when Dr Hanlin was not in," Ms Tregilles said.

Dr Hanlin said she was willing to be involved because eviDent and this



Dr Suzanne Hanlin (foreground) and practice manager Ms Sarah-Jayne Tregilles examine some patient files.

study appealed to her on several grounds:

- "It is important to support clinical-based practice research, of which there is too little carried out in Australia;
- The practice should benefit by having patient profiles examined; and,
- It might lead me to be involved in other research".

Employment Register upgraded

The ADAVB Employment Register enables members seeking employment to provide information about their availability, qualifications and employment history.

This service has recently been upgraded to include an Employers' Guide for to Final Year Students, where members can upload profiles, photos and CVs, to provide prospective employers with the candidates' details. We encourage members seeking employment to update their details as soon as possible to assist them with finding employment after graduation.

To access the Employment Register, please visit:

1. <http://www.adavb.net> and log in with your username and password
2. Select myADAVB from the menu on the left hand side of the screen
3. Then select Employment Register
 - Seeking Employment
 - Employers Guide to Final Year Students
4. Enter your profile details and upload your photo and CV.

All final year students details are then automatically be included in the Employers Guide which all members will be invited to view.

If you have lost your username and password, please contact ADAVB's Membership Officer on 8825 4600 or email ask@adavb.org

New graduates are reminded to attend the 'Introduction to the profession' seminar at the ADAVB offices from 1.30 pm on Tuesday 30 November.

ADAVB provides more community information to Better Health Channel

The Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch is "a valued content partner" of Better Health Channel (BHC), a Victorian Government website which provides health and medical information.

This very popular website has recently been revamped and is a great resource. It can be found at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

The ADAVB works in conjunction with the BHC to provide informative fact sheets on a range of oral health issues. The Oral Health Education Committee (OHEC) recently updated six fact sheets and wrote a new fact sheet on the topic "Diabetes and Oral Health".

Should members have any suggestions for other dental related fact sheets, please contact OHEC's Administrative Officer Ms Sonia Georgiades – sonia.georgiades@adavb.org – **Dr Susan Wise**



ADAVB Tennis Day – Friday 18 March 2011

The 2011 ADAVB Tennis Day will be held at the former home of the Australian Open and Davis Cup - Cooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Friday 18 March.

With the starting time being moved to 1.00 pm, the BBQ has been replaced with a cocktail party which will be in our own private function room from 4.00 pm onwards.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact Ann Lane at the Branch on ph. 8825 4612 or ann.lane@adavb.org . and look out for your registration form in the December Newsletter.