

eviDent Dental Practice Based Research Network Committee Application Information Pack

Thank you for your interest in this worthwhile opportunity to help improve the oral and dental health of Australians. We welcome you to find out more about the eviDent Foundation and how, as a member of the Dental Practice Based Research Network Committee, you can contribute to achieving the strategic goals of our Foundation.

Serving on the Dental Practice Based Research Network Committee will provide:

- The scope to use and build your skills to contribute to the dental profession and the oral health of the community
- The opportunity to influence and instigate clinical research in dental practices
- Intellectual stimulation
- Professional advancement and recognition
- Engagement with like-minded people.

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for the DPBRN Committee are:

Encourage the conduct of evidence-based dental practice in Victoria by:

- supporting collaborative practice-based dental research that makes a difference to health outcomes and experiences of care in areas in which the network has expertise and experience;
- providing practices with the opportunity to engage in research, and access research expertise and other development opportunities available through the Melbourne Dental School and the University of Melbourne;
- providing researchers with access to practitioners' expertise and a practice base; and
- actively disseminating research network findings to network members and to relevant policy-makers through the joint efforts of the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch and the Melbourne Dental School.

Delegated Powers

The DPBRN Committee has been delegated the following powers:

- approval and implementation of all eviDent projects
- approval of all eviDent DPBRN members
- approval and implementation of all research related policies and procedures; and
- approval and implementation of all research related forms.

Membership of the DPBRN Committee

The DPBRN Committee is comprised of ten members, being:

- five representatives of the ADAVB¹
- five representatives of the Melbourne Dental School

¹ The Board has determined that a representative of the ADAVB may be a non-ADAVB member and a non-registered person

Current members of the Committee are:

1. Dr Rita Hardiman (MDS, Oro-facial Anatomy), Co-Chair
2. Dr Jaafar Abduo (MDS, Prosthodontics)
3. Dr Antonio Celentano (MDS, Oral Medicine and Oral Biology)
4. Prof Nicola Cirillo (MDS, Oral Medicine, Pathology, Pharmacology)
5. Prof Ivan Darby (MDS, Periodontics)
6. Dr Tony Robertson, (ADAVB, general dentist) Co-Chair
7. Dr Jeremy Sternson (ADAVB, general dentist)
8. Dr Mary Miller (ADAVB, general dentist)
9. Dr Tim Stolz (ADAVB, general dentist)

Current vacancy

To nominate for the DPBRN Committee, nominees must:

- be available to serve as a member for a minimum one period (although we understand that things change, and so resignations are accepted at any time)
- have an interest in practice-based research
- be computer literate
- be available to attend evening meetings (usually on a Tuesday, 6:45-9pm, four times per annum in South Yarra or via Zoom)
- be available to do work in between meetings (including reviewing documents via email, presentations etc)

Preference will be given to a registered dental specialist, practising in Victoria in one of the following areas: endodontics, orthodontics, paediatric dentistry or oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Support provided to Committee members

Committee members are not paid for their attendance meetings and are required to cover their own incidental personal expenses when travelling to meetings or eviDent events.

The CEO assists the Committee with agenda preparation, distribution of papers, minutes and actions arising from meetings.

Appointments and Resignations

Appointments are offered on a three meeting probationary period, and confirmed by both parties following the probationary period.

The term of appointment is two years (renewable). The eviDent Foundation Board reviews all Committee appointments each two years. The Board will only call for nominations to the Committee upon receipt of a written resignation from a Committee member, where a Committee member is no longer eligible, or if the Board terminates an appointment due to improper conduct.

The Committee shall appoint Co-Chairs (a representative of the ADAVB and Melbourne Dental School), which shall be reviewed annually at the first meeting following the eviDent Foundation's Annual General Meeting.

The Committee aims to have a gender balance and representation from general and specialist general practitioners.

Conduct

The DPBRN Committee operates in a transparent and accountable manner. The DPBRN reports to the Board about all matters, including those that have been delegated. The DPBRN Committee does not operate beyond its delegated authority, but rather refers recommendations to the Board for consideration. The DPBRN Committee is not a platform for members to advance their own agendas.

About the eviDent Foundation

The eviDent Foundation was established in 2011 to promote the prevention and control of dental and oral diseases in human beings by:

- supporting dental practice based research into dental and oral disease;
- providing information about dental and oral disease, their prevention and control, to sufferers, health professionals and the general public;
- developing or providing relevant aids and equipment to sufferers of dental and oral disease;
- conducting and promoting scientific research about how to detect, prevent or treat dental and oral disease;
- training health professionals to conduct scientific research about dental and oral disease;
- evaluating health programs and processes to prevent or control dental and oral disease;
- training health professionals and carers in methods of controlling dental and oral disease;
- developing and implementing co-operative and cross-disciplinary approaches to the treatment and prevention of dental and oral disease;
- seeking funds from grant-giving bodies, trusts, foundations, corporate sponsors, members of the dental community and public; and
- doing all other lawful things that are incidental or conducive to achieving its object.

About the eviDent Dental Practice Based Research Network

The eviDent Dental Practice Based Research Network (DPBRN) aims to encourage relationships between practitioners and academic researchers. By building research capacity, eviDent facilitates and supports dental practices to produce and disseminate evidence which can translate into practice and inform policy.

eviDent identifies and targets research topics which are relevant to practitioners and policy makers. The primary objective of each study is to strengthen the knowledge base for clinical decision-making and policy setting. This is accomplished by testing and evaluating the effectiveness of strategies for the prevention and management of oral diseases and conditions.

Research topics are also submitted for consideration by eviDent members, dental practitioners and the public.

eviDent projects will develop evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for use by practitioners, funding agencies, patients and others.

Projects will address (where applicable) the 'Major Health Issues' as defined by the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council and seek to raise the profile and priority rating of oral health research on a national basis.

For information about eviDent projects go to www.evident.org.au/research/projects

As required under its Constitution, the eviDent Foundation has established a Dental Practice Based Research Network Committee (see more information about the Committee on the following pages).

Application process

Applications can be submitted using the **attached** application form or by request from the CEO (ask@evident.net.au or 8825 4600). The application requires the following information:

- personal details
- availability
- 250 words explaining why you want to be a member of the eviDent DPBRN Committee, and the qualities you have that you think would add value to the Committee
- Short biography detailing your background, interests, experience, education, experience on committees/ boards etc

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the process. The Board reserves its right not to appoint applicants without having to state reasons.

Applications close 4 January 2021

More information

For more Information about the Committee or the work of eviDent please contact Meaghan Quinn:

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