

For Clinicians

Clinicians often notice things in their day-to-day practice that spark curiosity, for example., a treatment that seems to work unusually well, a pattern in the prevalence of certain oral diseases or a recurring challenge faced by patients. You might want to explore why something works the way it does, how other clinicians manage similar cases or whether a new strategy, referral pathway or tool could improve care. However, turning these observations into research can be difficult without academic guidance, research training or time to commit to a full-time public health/ research course. That's where eviDent comes in! We provide structure, connections and expert support to help clinicians turn everyday practice insights into meaningful publishable research.

When a clinician approaches eviDent with a research idea, we facilitate connections with an appropriate Chief Investigator (CI). CI is a university-based academic with expertise in the relevant field. Together, they form a research team that combines clinical insight with academic oversight.

The CI supports the clinician in refining the research question, designing the study and preparing an ethics submission. eviDent also assists with ethics navigation and access to the ADAVB's network of over 3,500 clinician members for recruitment and dissemination.

Once the project is reviewed and approved by the DPBRN Committee, it is formally recognised as an eviDent study. Clinicians continue their normal clinical work while contributing to research that advances dental practice.

Summary of support available for clinicians

eviDent provides:

- Access to academic mentorship and project supervision
- Quality and ethics oversight through the DPBRN Committee
- Guidance on study design and ethics navigation
- Support for recruitment, data collection and dissemination of findings
- Recognition through the eviDent Research Showcase and professional events

Funding

eviDent **does not** directly fund research. However, partnership with a Chief Investigator may enable access to university-based or competitive grant funding. Projects linked with Honours, DCD or PhD programs are also supported.