



## **New dental research network will help patients**

eviDent, Australia's first Dental Practice Research Network has been officially launched, providing opportunities for dentists to participate in research projects within their own clinics.

A collaboration between the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch (ADAVB) and the Oral Health CRC, eviDent aims to improve the evidence base for dental care.

Professor Eric Reynolds, from the Oral Health CRC, said eviDent has benefits for dental practices, researchers and patients.

"By partnering dentists with an internationally recognised dental school and research centre, eviDent will increase the rate of uptake of research findings," said Professor Reynolds.

"Teams of dental practitioners collaborating with academics, are already working on a range of projects, including aiding smoking cessation among patients and assessing practitioner experiences of implant complications.

"eviDent research projects will focus on finding solutions to problems that practitioners face every day."

ADAVB President Dr Anne Harrison said research is fundamental to building the knowledge base of dentists.

"There can often be a disconnect between research outcomes and the realities of patient care," she said. "eviDent projects will be research at the coal face – performed by dentists who will directly use the findings.

"eviDent will support relationships between academic research experts and practitioners, providing the best conditions for clinical research that is recognised as relevant and valuable."

"It will also help to ensure that Australian dentists continue to provide the highest standards of professional dental care."

"We also expect that the eviDent approach will enhance the translation of research results into oral health care practice and policies."

For more information about eviDent, please visit [www.evident.net.au](http://www.evident.net.au)

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