

# Stimulating Ideas Heard at eviDent's AGM



Having listened to feedback and adapted the format accordingly, the 5th eviDent Dental Practice Based Research Network (DPBRN) Annual Meeting was a great success. The improvements helped to foster networking, disseminate information, solicit ideas for projects and engage current and potential members of eviDent, as well as key stakeholders.

This year's program included:

- A poster presentation about eviDent project, Preferred Providers and the Dentist-Patient Relationship, by Dr Denise Bailey
- Take home tips (from four eviDent projects) for those in attendance to implement and share with their colleagues following the meeting
- Details of what's new since the 2014 meeting, and what's next for eviDent
- Refreshments and networking with friends and colleagues.

Attended by about 40 people, including eviDent Associate Investigators, eviDent Chief Investigators, eviDent Research Collaborators, ADAVB Councillors, and other invited guests, the evening was the perfect mix of presentations and networking. A new eviDent member remarked: 'Thank you for such a great evening at the Annual Meeting. I met lots of fantastic people and am excited to help in any way I can'.

Dr Bailey reported on initial results from eviDent project, 007, which aimed to explore how Preferred Provider schemes impact on everyday clinical and ethical decisions of dental practitioners and whether or not they affect the rapport and trust between dentists and their patients.

She answered some interesting questions, and no doubt more when she stood alongside her poster from the IADR meeting in Seattle that was on display in the room.

A/Prof Roy Judge followed with a presentation reporting on tips from eviDent project, Implant Complications in Private Practice, highlighting the importance of accurate and up-to date record keeping, the importance of understanding how common comorbidities can influence decision making and outcomes, amongst other useful tips.

Periodontal diagnosis in private dental practice tips were provided by Dr Susan Wise during her presentation, including: gingival inflammation must be used in conjunction with other parameters, and gingivitis and mild periodontitis may have a similar clinical appearance and may only be distinguished by radiographic confirmation of bone loss.

Dr Andrew Gikas offered some useful tips from the Health Promoting Practices project, including asking patients to complete

a health self-assessment, which is available at [www.healthpromotingpractices.net](http://www.healthpromotingpractices.net), together with other useful patient and professional resources.

The attendees were the first to hear A/Prof Rodrigo Mariño provide the preliminary results of eviDent project, Oral health care professionals' knowledge and beliefs about the potential causes of oral cancer.

New projects since the last Annual Meeting include Diet advice in the dental setting and Oral Cancer Risk Test, and those in the pipeline include the prospective component of Implant Complications in Private Practice, as well as other possible collaborative projects that are currently being explored.

The DPBRN Committee has started planning for next year's Annual Meeting, which will provide attendees with more exciting findings and news from eviDent projects.

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