



World Cavity Free Future Day
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09:30 am - 09:45 am

BIOGRAPHY

Julie Barker is the President of the ADOHTA QLD Branch and a Past President of the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association.

Julie is a registered dental therapist with over 30 years of experience in the public sector in Queensland. She is passionate about her profession and the services provided to the community and she is a strong advocate for dental and oral health therapists and accessible oral health care for the community.

Julie has represented her profession in many roles including the National Advisory Council on Dental Health and the Oral Health Advisory Panel. Julie is a member of a number of groups including the Alliance for a Cavity Free Future, Oral Health Advisory Panel, Minimum Intervention Dentistry National Working Party, National Oral Health Alliance, the Australian Society for Special Care in Dentistry, the Australasian Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine and the International Association for Paediatric Dentistry. She has recently completed the Global Child Dental Fund, Senior Dental Leadership Program at Harvard University.

ABSTRACT

The Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future, together with many global dental organisations, thought leaders and members of the dental community, are thrilled for this opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of good oral health habits, and sharing advice to keep you and your families Cavity-Free.

Worldwide, 60–90% of school children and nearly 100% of adults have dental cavities. In fact, dental caries, which includes all stages of tooth decay, is the most common, preventable chronic disease on the planet, yet it remains largely untreated.

By sharing clear advice on the most effective ways to beat cavities and improve overall oral health, and raising awareness through initiatives like #WCFFDay, we believe that a real difference can be made both for individuals and for communities. We aim to bring together key thought leaders, organisations and the public to rally together to give a wakeup call to those with the power to make social, economic and political changes to move us one step closer to a Cavity-Free Future.



Oral Health for Baby Boomers
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09:45 am - 10:15 am

BIOGRAPHY

Jenny Morgan - Academic Affairs Manager & Coordinator Professional Education Network, Colgate Palmolive Australia.

Jenny graduated as a Dental Therapist in NSW and spent many years working in clinical practice in both the Hunter and Sydney regions within the School Dental Service. In 2002 Jenny joined Colgate as the Community Oral Health Educator, delivering Oral Health Education presentations to primary, preschool school & high school children, parent & community groups as well as staff in nursing homes & residential care facilities.

Joining the Colgate Scientific Affairs team in 2006, Jenny took on the role of Bright Smiles Fundraising Co-ordinator & in 2007 became the Colgate Professional Educator for NSW, responsible for the delivery of evidence based modules to university students in both the Dentistry and Bachelor of Oral Health programs across NSW.

In 2010 Jenny was promoted to the position of Academic Affairs Manager & in 2014 she took on the additional role of coordinator of the Professional Education Network across Australia & New Zealand.

In addition to being a registered Dental Therapist, Jenny is also a qualified Childbirth Educator. Jenny is a member of the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association.

ABSTRACT

The presentation is based on the Seattle Care Pathway and the various stages of oral care dependence of older adults.

In 2013 a group of experts met in Seattle to review existing scientific evidence and develop a cohesive means of defining appropriate prevention and treatments for this growing section of our population.

This presentation will look at the need for effective prevention and the fact that dental treatment and advice should be linked to levels of dependency. Included are case studies to highlight the different levels of dependency.



Sliding Doors Series - Gobsmacked
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11:00 am - 01:30 pm

BIOGRAPHY

Annalene graduated as a dentist from Cardiff in 1999, and worked in both private and NHS practice in the UK before moving to Australia. She worked on the eastern Australian seaboard, in both public and private practice and completed a Masters in Health Law from Sydney University in 2008. Following this, Annalene worked on a local Health Complaints Commission before commencing work as a Dento Legal Adviser for Dental Protection in 2010.

Annalene still practices part time as a dentist. In 2016 Annalene was awarded a Fellowship of the American College of Dentistry in recognition of the work she does with young dental practitioners, particularly in ethics, and often through group presentations and forums.

ABSTRACT

Dental Protection's Sliding Door Seminar Series has been crafted specifically to address and explore the unique practice issues experienced by oral health therapists, hygienists and dental therapists. Utilising de-identified cases, Gobsmacked focuses on all aspects of professional boundaries, how they can be crossed, and the consequences of this. This includes allegations of assault, and how these eventuate may be surprising to some delegates. All in all, expect to be Gobsmacked!



Medical Emergencies in Oral Health Settings
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03:00 pm – 03:15 pm

BIOGRAPHY

Graduating from Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga in 2013, Lemuel continued his career by being accepted in the first year of the Oral Health Therapy Graduate Year Program. Through that program he began developing and researching the topic of “Medical Emergencies in Oral Health Settings”. He’s currently employed by Central Queensland Hospital and Health Services based in Rockhampton and Yeppoon, providing care to the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services, the Adult Community Dental Clinics, and has recently started post graduate studies at the University of Adelaide.

ABSTRACT

Medical emergencies in oral health settings are uncommon but can be life-threatening for the patient. It is the dental practitioner’s responsibility to manage the situation in order to minimise morbidity and mortality. Therefore, dental practitioners and staff should have the appropriate skills, training and equipment to deal with possible life-threatening emergencies.

This project documents the frequency of medical emergencies (fainting, shock, asthma attack, heart attack, etc.), the training and preparedness of dental therapists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists for a medical emergency, and an assessment of the medical emergency equipment, and medicines which are stored in dental settings. Information was obtained through the administration of a self-reported survey which was distributed to eligible participants by the professional associations of ADOHTA QLD and ADPAQ.

Though medical equipment and drugs are suggested to assist with events, they are not necessarily the only tools at a practitioner's disposal. The competent knowledge and skills of the dental team honed through completion of yearly educational courses and the correct usage of medical histories will ensure the ability to provide competent aid when an event arises.



Setting Up Practice for Aged Care
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03:15 pm – 03:45 pm

BIOGRAPHY

Kay Franks is a registered Oral Health Therapist with more than 37 years clinical and management experience in various location throughout New South Wales. She holds a certificate of Dental Therapy, an undergraduate Bachelor of Oral Health from the University of Newcastle, a Master of Educational Studies and is now currently a PhD candidate. Her varied career for the last seven years has been in allied health education, university teaching and providing oral health services in the aged care sector.

Kay is currently employed as a lecturer in the Bachelor of Oral Therapy program at the University of Newcastle and sits on the Senior Smiles internal advisory committee.

ABSTRACT

Older people in residential aged care facilities (RACFs) require structured preventive oral health care with referral pathways for timely dental care (1). Whilst this area is often neglected within the aged care sector Oral Health Therapists (OHTs) are uniquely positioned to provide appropriate care for better health outcomes of residents. Senior Smiles© establishes a formal management programme for ongoing oral health care within RACFs delivered by OHTs. This presentation outlines their key roles within aged care facilities under the Senior Smiles© model.

1. Wallace J, Mohammadi J, Wallace L, Taylor J. *Senior Smiles: preliminary results for a new model of oral health care utilizing the dental hygienist in residential aged care facilities. International journal of dental hygiene.* 2016;14(4):284-8.



Oral Health for Homeless
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03:45 pm – 04:15 pm

BIOGRAPHY

Nicole is an Oral Health Therapist and research assistant at the University of Queensland. Since graduating from UQ in 2014 Nicole has actively involved in the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association (ADOHTA) and is currently the vice-president of the Queensland branch. Nicole's research interests are in public health and special needs dentistry. She has worked previously in research on smoking cessation delivery by dental practitioners and hyperpalatable beverages (or sweet drinks). Currently, she is working on research investigating the oral health of different special needs population groups including the elderly population, people living with multiple sclerosis, mental illness and homeless people.

ABSTRACT

The relationship between homelessness and ill health is complex with many risk factors for homelessness also risk factors for poor oral health. To overcome barriers to accessing dental care, previous studies have recommended integrating dental care within homeless support services. This study aimed to evaluate a volunteer-lead dental rescue service run for a week, four times a year within a Brisbane community youth service. Half (53%) of participants who pre-booked an appointment failed to attend. Each appointment cost approximately \$9 to run and the total estimated value of the services delivered in the 2 rescue weeks was \$26,000. This dental rescue service is feasible and sustainable due to its integration into an existing homeless youth service, low running costs, acceptability to clients and interest by dental practitioners to volunteer. It provides a useful model which could be scaled up and implemented in other regions.