

# Social & Information Technology Committee Report

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## ANZAP-NSW/ACT Activities for 2021-2022

Chair: A/Prof. Tino Mercado

Members: Dr. Charles Snyman, Prof. Ivan Darby, Prof. Louise Brown, Dr. Raymond Chan, Dr. Ehsan Mellati,

The Social and Information Technology Committee was created to cater for the different social and information technology needs of ANZAP members. There are currently six IT platforms where information can be disseminated among ANZAP members and members of the public: Website, Facebook, LinkedIn MSN chat page, ANZAP Perio-Postgrad WhatsApp page and Instagram. The WhatsApp platform for all post-graduate dentists had been particularly useful during the COVID Crisis: post-grads around Australia and New Zealand can now chat, socialize via web, and discuss their research. Our new Instagram account is proving to be popular among younger ANZAP members.

### Website:

[www.anzap.org.au](http://www.anzap.org.au) - main information avenue for ANZAP members, particularly the Council Reports, Memberships renewal, ANZAP documents and archive and classified ads for members seeking employees.

The revamp of our website is almost finish, particularly the Patients Component. There are 19 manuscripts collated from our members discussing different relevant topics on periodontology and implants. Most of the images needed in the manuscripts were provided by ADA-Federal. In return, our manuscript/link will be shared to ADA Patient Information Website.

### Website Topics and Authors

- What is Periodontitis – Saso Ivanovski
- Management of Periodontitis – Leticia WA
- Anti-microbials in Periodontal Diseases – Valerie Woodford
- Importance of Good Oral Hygiene – Tasha Mackie Periodontal Diseases and Systemic Inflammation – Mark Bartold
- Periodontitis and Link to CVD, Diabetes Mellitus, Rheumatoid Arthritis – Ivan Darby
- Periodontitis and Smoking – Rod Marshall
- Periodontal Diseases and Halitosis. Kaye Kendall and Rachel Garraway
- Crown Lengthening Surgeries – David Grossberg and Vincent Liew

- “Gummy Smile” – Ray Chan and Charles Snyman
- Regeneration on teeth – Wendy Gil
- Gum Graft on teeth – Tino Mercado
- Perio-Ortho Relationships – Poppy Horne
- Dental Implants Explained – Stephen Chen
- Bone Regeneration on Implants – Chris Waalkens
- Peri-implant Mucositis and Peri-implantitis - Lisa Heitz-Mayfield
- Peri-implant Plastic Surgeries – Mehdi Valizadeh
- Cosmetic and Bite Problems with Dental Implants – Greg Peake
- Radiographic Use in Periodontics and Dental Implants – Louise Brown

A new ANZAP logo was chosen via online voting by ANZAP members on Nov. 12, 2021.

### **Facebook:**

Our social media pages are making ANZAP's presence to the public more palpable. This is a good avenue to make the members of the public familiar with Periodontology. From the period of Feb 2021– JAN 2022, there were 500 posts. Almost 700 people are now following ANZAP's Facebook profile.

### **ANZAP Biennial Consensus Statement**

The SITC have also been busy with the initiation of a Biennial release of ANZAP Consensus Statement, to be presented at our 3-Day meetings and hopefully published in a reputable Journal.

These are the updates of our two Consensus Groups:

The ANZAP Consensus Statement was an initiative of A/Prof. Tino Mercado, Prof. Ivan Darby and Dr. David Drew to encourage younger ANZAP members (graduated within 5 years) to participate more in our ANZAP conferences. The plan is for the ANZAP Council members to choose relevant topics and the ANZAP members who will write and research about the assigned topic and present it at our 3-day ANZAP meetings and ultimately submit and hopefully publish the Consensus in relevant journals depending on the quality of the manuscript produced.

For our first Consensus Statements there are two groups:

#### **Group 1: The role of anti-microbials in Auxiliary Periodontal and Peri-Implant Surgical Procedures**

Group Supervisor: A/Prof Tino Mercado and Prof. Ivan Darby, Members: Marina Kamel, Amro Farag and Akila Vithanage.

The use of antimicrobials as an adjunct to mechanical debridement and management of plaque-induced periodontal diseases and peri-implantitis has been well studied and investigated. However, the adjunctive role of antimicrobials, particularly who's with host modulating agents and its effect on periodontal plastic surgeries, either with autogenous graft, xenograft or allograft as carriers have not been studied extensively. The available studies on principle of guided bone regeneration including the management of peri-implantitis and other complex periodontal surgical procedures performed where the aim is not to control periodontitis but to facilitate or as an adjunct to wound healing by using antimicrobials needs to be looked at analysed

and consensus form. This review of literature and metanalysis of available studies will look at the available evidence of whether anti-microbials have an adjunctive effect on the auxiliary surgical procedures mentioned above.

Group 2: **"When to treat periodontally involved teeth and when to extract?"**.

Group Supervisor: Prof. Ivan Darby (Chair of the ANZAP Education and Accreditation Committee)

Group Leader: Dr David Drew

Assistant: Dr. Lizzy Hui,

Members: Dr. Troy McGowan and Dr. Eugene Sheftel.

The purpose of this systematic review is to gather all available empirical evidence to answer the question and provide consensus statements to help clinicians to decide whether to remove a periodontally involved tooth or retain it.

Clinicians rely on experience and clinical criteria along with professional common sense when deciding whether to remove or retain a tooth. Clinical attachment loss, mobility, remaining alveolar bone support, endodontic and restorative issues, treatment cost versus benefit and patient preferences are just some of the considerations considered.

Consensus group 2 is currently reviewing the literature available, mainly in peer reviewed journals, with a view to providing a consensus report to be presented at the next ANZAP scientific meeting in 2023.

We look forward to the presentation of our first ANZAP Consensus Statement.

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