



Policy and Advocacy Committee Report

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Chair: Dr Wendy Gill

Committee Members: Dr Rachel Garraway, Dr Susan Wise, A/Prof Ryan Lee, Dr Jessica O'Neill

This committee has undergone a restructure and was previously known as The Third Party and Schedules Committee. We welcome Dr's Ryan Lee and Jess O'Neill whose perspectives and input will be invaluable.

The main current aim of the committee is to develop a pathway for GP dentists/hygienists/OHTs and therapists for the management of periodontal diseases. Given the current system in Australia, we will utilize a suggested guideline linked to the item number system. If the members find the flowchart useful, it can be adapted to remove the item numbers and create simply a flow chart that can be utilized in NZ.

This flowchart will be presented at the AGM and then distributed for comment.

It is timely given the interest in both Gingivitis and Periodontitis from the WHO and FDI. Both groups have these diseases as a focus for the next 5 years and ANZAP is in a position to influence new changes at a National level.

We have also started establishing better relationships with the ADA Media Team in the lead up to Dental Health Week. This year the topic is Periodontitis (amazing!).

I would encourage members to contact me with any content they may have – cases, a new published article, a topical piece etc. If we can help provide content, they won't have to make it up as they see best.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the Committee members for their valuable support and feedback.

Members are welcome to contact the Committee on any issues.

Dr Wendy Gill
Chairman – Policy and Advocacy Committee