

Special Needs Dentistry: An Introduction



There is an increasing number of dental patients with compromising medical conditions and disabilities. Evidence exists that these individuals are at high risk for developing oral diseases and conditions and experience significant barriers to accessing dental care. The definition of Special Needs Dentistry used in Australia and New Zealand by the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons is "that part of dentistry concerned with the oral health of people adversely affected by intellectual disability, medical, physical or psychiatric issues."

This course is designed to provide an overview of six particular topics within Special Needs Dentistry and will be of interest to general dental practitioners, dental hygienists and dental therapists whether working in the private or public sectors. Current members of the Australian Society for Special Care in Dentistry (ASSCID) are particularly welcome to attend and enhance further the networks of support for practitioners working in this field. The course will also be useful for individuals preparing to undertake the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) Special Field Examination in Special Needs Dentistry (FRACDS [SND]).

The Course Addresses the Following Topics:

- Oral-general health interactions
- Patient assessment
- Patients with anxiety disorders
- Patients with addictive disorders
- Oncology patients
- Patients with blood borne virus infections

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