



**Oral Health
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2026 OHA Public Oral Health Symposium

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Communities

Advancing Public Oral Health in Queensland

Date: Saturday, 31 October 2026 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)
Venue: Auditorium Level 4, School of Dentistry, 288 Herston Rd, Herston, QLD 4006
CPD: 8 CPD points awarded to attendees (in-person event)

Time	Activity	Speaker
8:00 – 8:20	Arrival, registration	
8:20 – 8:30	Welcome and acknowledgement of country	Dr Aman Sharma Director of the OHC (MNH)
Session 1 – Infection Control, Restorative Dentistry and Paediatric Dentistry		Chair – Dr Joel Abraham Townsville HHS
8:30 – 9:10	Infection Control - <i>Updates in Infection Control for Oral Health</i>	Emeritus Prof Laurence Walsh School of Dentistry, UQ
9:10 – 9:50	Restorative Dentistry - <i>It is 64 years since Dr Bowen developed Bis-GMA composite resin in the US. What have we learnt about direct restoratives since then, and has it improved restorative success for our public patients?</i>	Dr Ward Massey School of Dentistry Univ Adelaide
9:50 – 10:30	Paediatric Dentistry - <i>“... but Jack fell down and broke his crown.”</i>	Dr Karthika Balaji OHA/MNH
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea	
Session 2 – Oral Surgery, SND and Oral Medicine		Chair – Dr Fatima Dost Sunshine Coast HHS
11:00 – 11:40	Oral Surgery - <i>Unpacking Therapeutic Guidelines Version 4: What's New and Why It Matters</i>	Dr Jessica Zachar UQ/MNH
11:40 – 12:20	Special Needs Dentistry - <i>Uncomplicating the Complicated: Thinking Outside the Box in Geriatric Dentistry</i>	Dr Lydia See UQ/MNH
12:20 – 1:00	Oral Cancer – <i>Head and Neck Radiation – The Dentist's Role</i>	Dr Deborah Buick OHA/MN, Private Practice
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch (Tour Digital Lab – limited places)	
Session 3 – Pharmacology, Prosthetics, Cleft Lip & Palate		Chair – Dr Saman Zahedi Mt Isa North West HHS
2:00 – 2:40	Pharmacology - <i>Antimicrobial Stewardship in Oral Health: Confronting the Growing Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance</i>	Prof Gary Grant Griffith University
2:40 – 3:20	Digital Laboratory - <i>The evolution from Analogue to Digital at the OHC (expectations and reality!)</i>	Estelle Butcher-Hoy OHA/MNH
3:20 – 4:00	Cleft Lip and Palate - <i>Management of Cleft Lip and Palate Patients and importance of Oral Health Care</i>	Stephen Moor MNH COHS
4:00 – 5:00	Networking with Canapés and Drinks	



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Registration and Fees

Fees \$180 to cover catering costs

Registration Please use the link provided in the email sent previously, or click [HERE](#)



Alternatively, please use this QR code to register:

Public Dentists, Oral Health Therapists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Therapists, Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists

The deadline for registrations is October 21

Venue and registration

- School of Dentistry (UQ), Oral Health Centre, Level 4 – Auditorium, 288 Herston Road, Herston.
- Registration will be in the OHC Auditorium foyer, opposite Café Dose, from 8:00 am for an 8:30 am start.
- Morning tea, lunch, and canapés/drinks at the end will be provided.

Parking

- FREE off-street parking will be available to participants. Please enter via Herston Rd; the underground staff car park is shaded in green on the map below. (No permit required).
- Alternatively, on-street parking is available along Herston Road and Gilchrist Avenue. Time limits and parking meters exist- fines may apply along these streets.

