

1 Project title:	Mapping Current Oral Health Guidelines for Residential Aged Care Settings: Identifying Common Themes, Recommendations and Evidence Gaps
Hours of engagement & delivery mode	25 hrs per week In person (at minimum, on Mondays) Herston Campus, Level 7, Oral Health Centre, Population Oral Health at UQ (POHUQ)
Description:	This project forms part of the MRFF Oral Health in Aged Care research initiative, working with the Population Oral Health research team. The project will investigate how oral health is addressed within guidelines, standards, policies and best-practice resources developed for residential aged care settings nationally and internationally. The student will identify and map existing guidance documents and explore common themes, recommendations and gaps across resources. The project will both contribute to a broader body of work examining opportunities to strengthen oral health care delivery in residential aged care and will have potential to be a stand-alone publication. This project is literature-based and analytical and does not require ethical approval. Students will not conduct clinical assessments or work with patient data. The project will focus on identifying and comparing guidance relating to: • Daily oral hygiene and preventive care, including SMART and ART techniques. • Documentation and monitoring. • Referral pathways and access to dental services. The student will work closely with the Population Oral Health team to identify relevant guidance documents, summarise their content and compare recommendations across sources.
Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:	The project will provide opportunities to develop skills in: • Literature and policy searching • Reference management software and screening software • Evidence synthesis • Guideline and policy analysis • Data extraction, organisation and synthesis • Academic report writing and preparation of manuscripts for publication • Critical appraisal • Oral presentation and communication of research findings End-of-Project Deliverables The student will produce: 1. A preliminary analytical report summarising: • Identified oral health guidelines, standards and policy documents. • Key characteristics of included documents. • Common recommendations across guidelines. • Areas of agreement and variation. • Evidence gaps and opportunities for future research or guideline development. Time allowing, this report can be developed into a manuscript to aim for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

	2. A short oral presentation to the research team covering: • Key findings. • Common themes identified across guidelines. • Implications for residential aged care practice. • Reflections on the research experience.
Suitable for:	Undergraduate students studying: • Dentistry • Oral Health • Public Health • Health Sciences • Nursing • Allied Health • Health Policy Students should have an interest in oral health, aged care or health services research. Experience in literature searching is desirable but not essential.
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