



Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK)
The Royal College of Surgeons of England

FGDP(UK) and Divisional Research Facilitators **- Information about the Faculty's research support infrastructure**

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) [FGDP(UK)] exists to improve the standards of oral healthcare provided to patients. These standards are based on the best available evidence. It is one of the roles of the FGDP(UK) to promote practice-based research to improve the quality of that evidence.

95% of oral healthcare in the UK is provided in primary care, mostly by general dental practitioners. However, to date very little research has been performed in primary dental care centres, including general dental practices.

To improve this situation, the FGDP(UK) is developing an infrastructure throughout the country to provide primary care dentists and their dental teams with local sources of advice on oral healthcare research.

The FGDP(UK) has taken initiatives in recent years to address the situation:

1. A network of 21 research facilitators has been established throughout the United Kingdom. They are known as Divisional Research Facilitators.
2. DRFs are available to advise dentists and dental care professionals (DCPs) on all aspects of research in primary dental care.
For contact details of DRFs in your area, visit www.fgdp.org.uk/research/Facilitators.html.
3. DRFs are supported nationally by two National Research Facilitators and a Research Officer. All DRFs are either working in primary dental care or have worked in this area for a substantial part of their careers.
4. Apart from the National Research Facilitators and Research Officer, the DRFs are also supported through a number of FGDP(UK) research publications, including:
 - research advice leaflets;
 - the Faculty's Research Competency Framework, which lists and describes generic research competencies and gives advice on where to obtain training to meet them;
 - a DRF support pack; and
 - a critical appraisal pack.

All these documents are available from the Faculty's website at <http://www.fgdp.org.uk/research>.

If you are working in primary care dentistry and need research-related assistance and information please contact one of our Divisional Research Facilitators (full list overleaf).

How to contact a DRF in your area

The Faculty understands the barriers that exist for GDPs wanting to carry out research within their own practice. The network of Divisional Research Coordinators can provide help at a local level. Please feel free to contact the DRF in your area for advice on research in primary care.

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