



Royal Australasian College
of Dental Surgeons

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**23rd Convocation
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Masterclass details

Title	Managing Special Needs patients in general dental practice
Presenter	<p>a/Professor Sharon Liberali BDS(Adel); Grad.Dip.Clin.Dent; D.Clin.Dent (SND);FRACDS (SND); FICD; FPFA.</p> <p>Specialist, Special Needs Dentistry Director, Special Needs Unit, Adelaide Dental Hospital, SA Dental Service. Program Convenor, Special Needs Dentistry, School of Dentistry, University of Adelaide. Principal Dentist, Health Partners Dental</p>
Precis	<p>Special Needs Dentistry is that part of Dentistry concerned with the oral health of people adversely affected by intellectual disability, medical, physical or psychiatric issues. [RACDS definition]</p> <p>This masterclass will focus on common clinical challenges managing special needs patients with regard to treatment decision making, treatment planning, and treatment provision encompassing preventive, diagnostic and treatment services where the approach to oral health management is tailored to the individual needs of the patient who requires more than routine delivery of care.</p>
By the end of this masterclass participants will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the various types and complexities of special needs patients in general dental practice • Recognise the various strategies available for holistic comprehensive management of the oral health care for patients with special needs. • Appreciate and acknowledge the role of the patient, their healthcare team including carer(s) and/or family members with the dental team in order to maintain good oral health throughout life.