



Darina Nirmalann

Biography

She is an Oral Health Therapist and a Phd candidate at the University of Melbourne. She completed her bachelor in 2008, during which time she completed a summer research project on patient behaviour change and Motivational Interviewing. This sparked her interest in research and she went on to do a Masters of Public Health at Monash University. After lecturing for several years and working in a private dental practice she developed a strong interest in dental patient communication. She believes it is the most important component of practicing dentistry as it is a relational profession during which the patient comes first. She is now completing a Phd and exploring how dentists perceive and experience dental patient communication in Melbourne.