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TITLE: Normalising oral health in alcohol and other drug recovery services (NormAD)

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DISCUSSION: In Australia, alcohol and other drug (AOD) recovery services offer multidisciplinary care to people who are using, abstaining or recovering from AOD.

Despite the devastating effect of AOD on teeth and gums, oral health care is not integrated in these recovery services.

Poor oral health directly impacts a user's general health, confidence, social interactions and ultimately their recovery journey. Bespoke interventions to improve oral health outcomes are needed.

The research team has developed an intervention to normalise oral health as part of AOD recovery and proposes to pilot it at First Step, an addiction treatment centre in St Kilda.

Objectives:

To pilot and explore the acceptability and feasibility of an oral health intervention at First Step;

To assess the intervention's impact on clients' oral health outcomes, including:

- oral health literacy of clients and service providers
- the impact and processes of the intervention
- the factors influencing the intervention's implementation
- the engagement and experience of those involved with the intervention
- referrals of oral health assessments by service providers
- uptake of oral health assessments by clients and the outcomes.