

## THE IADR-GOHIRA RESEARCH PRIORITIES

The International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Agenda (GOHIRA) initiative has identified priorities for research required to implement strategies that could reduce oral health inequalities worldwide.

- 1 Identify critical gaps in knowledge.
- 2 Develop and implement, in partnership with cognate evidence-based medical and dental organizations, a knowledge base that uses a standard set of reporting criteria and includes a registry of implementation trials.
- 3 Emphasize the significance of psychosocial determinants of oral health, oral health-related behaviour, and oral healthcare-seeking behaviour, on whole populations and underprivileged communities.
- 4 Emphasize the importance of integrating research on oral health inequalities, with wider approaches to reducing health inequality as a whole.
- 5 Emphasize the importance of multi-disciplinary and translational research, seeking input from a range of social scientists and health professionals.
- 6 Develop disease-prevention strategies based on broad social and environmental determinants of health, adopting upstream rather than downstream strategies.
- 7 Develop strategies that are capable of local interpretation in a way that respects cultural sensitivities and socioeconomic constraints for improving oral health literacy.
- 8 Develop community-based regional- and country-level systems for oral health promotion and healthcare, recognizing previous experience and resource implications, and, where appropriate, emphasizing whole and at-risk populations.
- 9 Raise the issue of oral health inequalities, with the need to promote proportionate universalism and specific emphasis on underprivileged communities, in wider public debates.
- 10 Advocate for the inclusion of oral health with other sectors in all policies, in line with the Adelaide Statement of Health in All Policies.