



## FRIENDS OF NIDCR: OVERVIEW

### ABOUT THE FRIENDS

The Friends of National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (FNIDCR) is a broad-based coalition of academic and research institutions, professional associations and foundations that champion the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), the world's largest institution dedicated exclusively to research to improve dental, oral and craniofacial health. With programmatic activities operated out of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR), FNIDCR helps represent the interests of patients, researchers, educators, clinicians and students and the value they find in NIDCR and its critical research.

### ACTIVITIES OF THE FRIENDS INCLUDE:

- ▲ Advocating on behalf of NIDCR on Capitol Hill, including sending joint letters to and coordinating visits with members of Congress
- ▲ Liaising with and acting as a resource for the congressional Oral Health Caucus
- ▲ Providing oral health policy and legislative analyses
- ▲ Hosting and participating in events to demonstrate the importance of NIDCR-funded research
- ▲ Championing patients through the Friends of NIDCR's Patient Advocacy Council

### HOW TO JOIN

Support the Friends and other important programs at AADR by becoming an AADR Institutional or Corporate Section Member. In addition to having an active role in the direction of AADR and its mission, Institutional and Corporate Section Members receive a number of benefits, such as:

- ▲ Online access to the *Journal of Dental Research*, *JDR Clinical & Translational Research*, IADR CE On Demand and monthly *AADR Science Advocate* Newsletter
- ▲ Complimentary meeting and reception space at the AADR Annual Meeting
- ▲ Discounts on exhibit booth space, Career Center postings and program book advertising
- ▲ Recognition across a number of AADR platforms

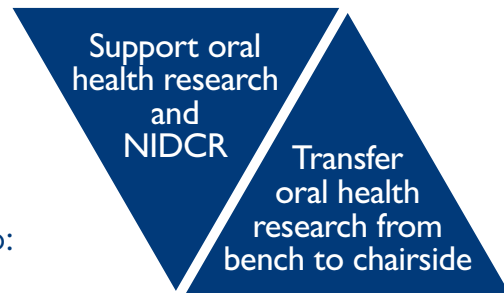
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# PATIENT ADVOCACY COUNCIL

Part of FNIDCR, the Patient Advocacy Council is a group of non-profit patient advocacy organizations working to tackle diseases or conditions with an oral health component. The priorities of the Patient Advocacy Council are to:



## CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE PATIENT ADVOCACY COUNCIL INCLUDE:

Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation  
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association  
American Behcet's Disease Association  
American Chronic Pain Association  
American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association  
Ameriface  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Burning Mouth Syndrome  
Children's Craniofacial Association  
Ear Community  
FACES: The National Craniofacial Association  
Fibrous Dysplasia Foundation, Inc.  
Greater Tampa Bay Oral Health Coalition  
HOPE: For Burning Mouth Syndrome  
International Foundation for Autoimmune Arthritis  
International Pemphigus and Pemphigoid Foundation  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association

Lupus Foundation of America  
Moebius Syndrome Foundation  
National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias  
National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition  
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation  
Relapsing Polychondritis Awareness & Support Foundation  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
Soft Bones  
Special Olympics  
Support for People with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer  
The Facial Paralysis and Bell's Palsy Foundation  
The Marfan Foundation  
The Oral Cancer Foundation  
The TMJ Association, Ltd  
Wide Smiles

## HOW TO JOIN

Members of the Patient Advocacy Council receive AADR Institutional Section Membership at no cost. Organizations wishing to become a part of the Patient Advocacy Council must be considered a true patient advocacy organization – working on behalf of a certain group of people afflicted with a particular disease or condition – and have some connection to oral health. To become part of the Patient Advocacy Council, email Lindsey Horan at [lhoran@aad.org](mailto:lhoran@aad.org).

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