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## **Valuing citizenship**

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In the development of professional citizenship, clinicians may appreciate the community is an extension of our own clinical practice. We embrace our patients for whom we provide excellent clinical care in our everyday practices, patients with appointments and waiting for treatment and also extend our professional obligations to those who one day may seek dental treatment and anyone now or in the future who can benefit from treatment and community health promotion. Practitioners developing professional citizenship may have the opportunity as individuals to be involved in community health promotion or clinicians may join professional societies or seek leadership roles and experience participating in collaborative partnerships and coalitions. Societies may provide professional development, education, mentoring, and foster research and publish guidelines for evidence-based practice for the profession. Leaders may be decision-makers tackling the challenging aspects of health and normative economics. Efficiency and equity are integral to Australia's health care system as it is to the health care systems of the Arab Nations. However it has become increasingly challenging to achieve the equitable distribution of limited resources within a mixed health care system and impact on Australia's health inequalities among the homeless, rural and regional residents and indigenous Australians. Targeted vertical equity dental schemes present challenges when delivered via the private sector present have their own set of challenges including addressing equitable access in rural and remote areas, dynamic efficiency of the health care system and allocative efficiencies.

## **Biography**

Hellen Mary Checker has worked as a dental Hygienist, in both the public and private sector and as a Clinical Tutor. She volunteers internationally on regular work trips to Vietnam and held industry leadership and advocacy roles, including the Presidency of peak body, the Dental Hygienists' Association of Australia Inc. (DHAA) and a Member of the National Minimal Intervention Dentistry Workshop and Alliance for Caries Free Future. She is currently completing a Master degree in Clinical Leadership and residing in Dubai.

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