



Dr Walker BDS, MHPEd, PhD (Australia)

Dr Walker is an Oral Health Training Consultant with the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service and holds an honorary position with the University of Sydney. His qualifications include his Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Master of Health Personnel Education and Doctorate in the field of public health research.

Dr Walker's principal focus is the development of the oral health role of primary health personnel. Dr Walker has developed oral health training programs for primary health personnel in Ghana, Nepal and Australia. His work in Nepal also included WHO Nepal consultancies to support the development of Nepal's National Strategic Plan for Oral Health and the evaluation of the National Oral Health Training Program for Village Health Workers.

Dr Walker's work in Australia focuses on training, organisational development and research conducted in partnership with remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities, their health services and their primary health personnel. This research has received the Public Health Association of Australia award 'for outstanding contribution to public health research in Aboriginal populations'.

Dr Walker has recently developed an online oral health training program for remote primary health personnel and is currently undertaking associated evaluation research. He is also researching the use of telehealth technologies to facilitate regional dental teams' support of primary health personnel in the shared oral health care of remote communities.