

Day/time: May 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 (Friday), 2.00pm to 3.30pm; **AND:** brief pre-workshop survey (online) to inform the discussion on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Subject: Towards establishing a harmonized set of core oral health outcome measures

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Short description: A wide range of outcome measures are currently used in oral health research. Whilst there always are reasons why specific outcome measures are used in one study but another study may use other measures, variation in how oral health outcomes are measured can limit comparability between studies, settings, and countries. Establishing a harmonized set of core oral health measures could thus be beneficial. The purpose of this workshop is to facilitate an open-minded and collaborative discussion in order to develop a methodologically sound specification of a harmonized set of core oral health outcome measures. In particular, the workshop intends to (1) bring together an international group of oral health researchers; (2) determine the chances/challenges of specifying a core/harmonized set of oral health measures; and (3) take a vote on potentially relevant measures in the intention to further expedite and incrementally refine a harmonized set of core oral health measures.