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

For Section Member dues and the full list of benefits, visit the AADR website.
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:

- Support oral health research and NIDCR
- Transfer oral health research from bench to chairside

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@aadr.org.

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