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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dr Elizabeth Fitriana Sari is an Associate Professor in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology at the College of Dentistry, Ajman University. She recently joined Ajman University on **12 January 2026** and brings over 22 years of academic, clinical, and research experience across Australia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea. Her research focuses on oral cancer prevention, oral potentially malignant disorders (OPMDs), and clinical training interventions designed to strengthen early detection capacity.

Dr Sari has led international oral cancer training programs and secured **competitive research funding exceeding AUD 2.2 million**, including projects supported by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). Her work integrates clinical education, epidemiology, and translational research to enhance early diagnosis systems and improve population oral health outcomes.

CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Associate Professor — Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology
College of Dentistry, Ajman University, UAE
Jan 2026 – Present

Key Responsibilities:

- Teaching Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology,
- Clinical supervision in Oral Diagnostic Clinic and Oral Medicine Clinic
- Development of Master of Oral Medicine Specialist program
- Leading oral cancer screening and early detection research
- Supervising undergraduate and postgraduate research
- Developing standardized oral screening protocols
- Coordinating international collaborative research

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Senior Academic

La Trobe University, Australia
2020–2025

- Course Coordinator for Dentistry (2022-2023)
- Teaching and coordinating Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine
- Supervision of PhD, Master's, and Honours students
- Curriculum development and research leadership
- Coordinating Industry Honours Subject
- Currently an adjunct (2026 onwards)

Senior Research Fellow / Collaborator

Melbourne Dental School
University of Melbourne
2020–Present

Lecturer (Assistant Professor Equivalent)

Melbourne Dental School
University of Melbourne
2015–2020

Head, Oral Medicine Specialist Program (MClint. Oral Medicine)

Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia
2010–2015

Oral Medicine Specialist Clinical Practice and Supervision:

Period	Position
2015–2020	Academic Staff & Clinical Supervisor, Melbourne Dental School, Australia
2020–2025	Academic Staff & Clinical Supervisor, La Trobe University, Australia
2015–Present	Ongoing Specialist Oral Medicine Practice and Consultation in Indonesia*
2026–Present	Associate Professor, Oral Medicine & Oral Pathology, Ajman University, UAE

*Maintained specialist Oral Medicine consultation, patient management/treatment, and clinical supervision activities in Indonesia during Australian university recess periods, annual leave, invited clinical appointments, and professional visits.

SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING**1. NHMRC Translational Clinical Research (TCR)**

AUD **767,000**, 2025, Chief Investigator

2. DFAT Australia–Indonesia Institute Grant

AUD **40,000**, Principal Investigator

3. Rural Health Initiative (Australia)

AUD **2.14 million**, Co-Investigator

4. La Trobe Rural Health Research Grant

AUD **10,000**, Co-Investigator

Total Competitive Funding: AUD 2.2M+

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (MOST RELEVANT FOR GRANT)

2026

1. Sari EF, Jindal B, Li X, Stubbs M.

Knowledge, confidence, and perceptions of oral cancer screening among rural and metropolitan Australian general dental practitioners: A pilot study.

Cancer Nexus. 2026;2(1). <https://dx.doi.org/10.1002/cnx2.70017>

2. Bakar A, Sari E, Cahyanto A.

Dental curriculum across the globe.

Handbook of Dental Education Technology. Springer; 2026.

<https://dx.doi.org/10.1002/cnx2.70017>

2025–2024

1. **Sari EF**, Johnson NW, McCullough MJ, et al.
Prevalence and risk factors of oral potentially malignant disorders in Indonesia.
Scientific Reports. 2024. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-54410-4>
2. **Sari EF**, Hidayat W, Dewi TS, et al.
General dentists' knowledge, perceptions, and practices regarding OPMDs.
Clinical and Experimental Dental Research. 2024.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.1002/cre2.807>
3. Jasim A, Li X, Octavia A, **Sari EF**.
Betel quid use and oral malignancies: systematic review and meta-analysis.
Frontiers in Oral Health. 2024. <https://dx.doi.org/10.3389/froh.2024.1397179>
4. **Sari EF**, McCullough MJ, Cirillo N.
Educational intervention of oral cancer screening.
International Dental Journal. 2023.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.identj.2023.07.173>
5. **Sari EF**, Johnson NW, McCullough MJ.
Global burden of disease data for Indonesia.
The Lancet Global Health. 2023. [https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X\(23\)00004-9](https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X(23)00004-9)

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION

- University of Melbourne, Australia
- La Trobe University, Australia
- University of Foggia, Italy
- Papua New Guinea Health Research Programs
- Indonesia National Oral Health Programs

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

- Oral Cancer Early Detection
- Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders (OPMDs)
- Oral Epidemiology
- Clinical Screening Programs
- Oral Microbiology and Cell Culture
- Risk Factor Assessment
- Population Oral Health

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

PhD Supervision:

- 2 Current (enrolled at The University of Melbourne and at La Trobe University)
- 3 Completed

Masters Supervision:

- 12 Completed

Honours Supervision:

- 7 Completed

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Association for Dental Research (IADR)
- International Academy of Oral Oncology (IAOO)
- Oral Medicine Academy of Australasia (OMAA)
- Indonesian Oral Medicine Specialist Association

KEYNOTE & INVITED PRESENTATIONS IN 2025

International Academy of Oral Oncology — UK (July 2025)

FDI World Dental Federation — Indonesia (November 2025)

National Oral Cancer Workshop — PNG (August 2025)

International Academic Lectures — Indonesia (2025)

EDUCATION

1. PhD — Oral Medicine
University of Melbourne, 2020
2. Oral Medicine Specialist
University of Indonesia, 2009
3. Doctor of Dental Science
Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia 2002
4. Bachelor of Dental Science
Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia, 1999

Certification:

1. Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education
University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia 12 Jul 2017 - 31 Oct 2017
2. New Approaches to Dental Teaching – An introduction to Curriculum Development, Problem Based Learning and Treatment Planning
Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands