

Supplementary Table S2. Interview guide for health care providers

Construct assessed	Guiding questions
General oral health	As a clinician/allied health provider for people with rheumatic diseases and/or oral health, how important do you feel oral health is for people with rheumatic diseases? What do you feel are the most important aspects to address when advising on or providing oral health care to your patients? Why?
Educational needs relating to oral health	What do you think about the aims of having information on mouth care that includes recommendations for everyone but also includes suggestions specific for people with rheumatic disease? What type of information do you feel should be included? Why? What would you feel is the best way to share this information with patients and your colleagues?
Recommendations relating to oral health	We have heard from patients about several issues that impact their oral health. These include mouth dryness, pain and mouth lesions, functional limitations impacting oral hygiene, treatment resistant oral care problems, and challenges with accessing professional dental hygiene/care. For each of these concerns, and any others that you have identified, what specific suggestions would you include in recommendations to advise patients on maintaining their oral care? What specific suggestions would you include in recommendations to advise oral care providers/rheumatologists in caring for their patients?
Priority oral health concerns	Of all the things we've discussed today, what would you say are the most important issues you would like to share about rheumatic disease and mouth concerns?

CITATION

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