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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### DEAR EDITOR

The *NSW Public Health Bulletin* has helped to bring together a group of researchers to investigate the links between cardiovascular disease and periodontal disease. Staff at the Royal North Shore Hospital and the United Dental Hospital are joining forces in the Pericar Study to study the effect of periodontal treatment on haemostatic risk factors for cardiovascular disease in patients with advanced periodontal disease.

The Pericar Study was developed as a direct result of the recent publication of the four-part oral health series in the *Bulletin* during 1999. The papers in the series successfully promoted a greater awareness of oral health issues in the wider health community and facilitated interaction and discussion between health professionals.

We thank the *Bulletin* for providing the forum that resulted in this exciting research opportunity with its implications for health care.

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### ERRATUM

In the January–February issue of the *NSW Public Health Bulletin* (Volume 11, Numbers 1–2, page 13) the contact list for Women's Health Coordinators in the Area Health Services had an incorrect table heading. The heading 'Injury Program Manager' should have read 'Women's Health Coordinator'. The editor apologises for this error.