

Learning Together at the Nexus: National Center Summit on the Future of IPE


Tools and Resources to Support Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care

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This Presentation

- *Why we need a different approach to improving the nation's oral health, based on interprofessional collaboration*
- *What is the practice and public policy environment like for this work?*
- *What tools and resources do we have?*
- *What's underway, and what's next?*

We Need a Different Approach to Oral Health Care!

- *A person's oral health impacts overall health and quality of life*
- *Most oral disease is preventable*
- *Despite the availability of effective prevention and treatment methods, we have seen small improvements in oral health status over the past two decades*
- *Our current model DOESN'T WORK for large segments of our population, including low-income, minority, and rural populations*
- *Lack of access to oral health care contributes to profound and enduring oral health disparities*
- *We need a different approach*

The “Different Approach” Would Encourage Interprofessional Collaboration

- *We needed to go “upstream” in the health care delivery system and focus on primary care and prevention*
- *Oral health care has been separated by tradition: we need to engage training programs, payment structures, and delivery systems that created medical and dental silos*
- *There aren’t enough dental providers to address unmet oral health need; even if we trained more dental providers, many people couldn’t pay for their services and providers wouldn’t see them*
- *We need an interprofessional approach that integrates the mouth back into the body and engages all health care providers*

Integrating Oral Health into Primary Care... It's Already Underway !

- **Why is now a good time?**

- Primary care and health services delivery systems are undergoing “transformation” – this impacts payment, sites, services and openness to new models
- The ACA created accountable care organizations and other “patient centered” approaches to care; CMS and HRSA are implementing these
- There’s tremendous interest across multiple disciplines and sectors in “patient-centered” care and interprofessional team practice
- Families and patients want to see a change; consumer demand
- Growing body of scientific evidence – demonstrating oral/systemic health

- **How did we approach this work?**

- Through professional training programs
- Through health care delivery settings
- Through policy and payment reform

Who Is On-Board to Make Interprofessional Approaches to Oral Health Care Happen?

- ***Early adopters!***

- Dental providers – who see themselves as part of a patient centered team
- Primary care providers – who see oral health as a part of comprehensive patient care
- Educators, accreditors, licensing boards – who build oral health into curriculum and credentialing
- Administrators – who envision how this can happen
- We've had some big wins – SFL and White Paper endorsers by a broad array of professional organizations, curriculum and accreditation changes, emerging champions in public health and government

What Tools and Resources Have Already Been Created?

- *Tools for teaching primary care providers about oral health*
- *Models and frameworks for successful oral health and primary care integration*
- *Articles, documents and meetings that “get the word out” about oral health and primary care integration*

Tools for Teaching Primary Care Providers About Oral Health

- ***Smiles for Life***

- On line curriculum
- Half a million visits
- Free CEU – 17 organizations!
- “There’s an app for that!” - clinical support tool
- Other resources (posters, pocket cards, risk assessment)

- ***Faculty Resources***

- Smiles for Life (can be used in a classroom)
- NYU Oral Health in Nursing Education and Practice tools
- Physician Assistant Education Association

- ***What’s Next?***

- New modules- community health workers, special needs patients
- Streamlining and improving interactivity



Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum ^{3rd edition}

Smiles for Life produces educational resources to ensure the integration of oral health and primary care.

For Individual Clinicians



We've made it easy for individual physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, students, and other clinicians to access the curriculum and learn on their own time and at their own pace. Each of the courses is available online. Free Continuing Education credit is available.

For Educators



This curriculum format can be easily implemented in an academic setting. Included is a comprehensive set of educational objectives based on the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) competencies, test questions, resources for further learning, oral health web links, an implementation guide, and detailed module outlines.

Course Quick Links

	Course 1: The Relationship of Oral to Systemic Health
	Course 2: Child Oral Health
	Course 3: Adult Oral Health
	Course 4: Acute Dental Problems
	Course 5: Oral Health & the Pregnant Patient
	Course 6: Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish & Counseling
	Course 7: The Oral Examination
	Course 8: Geriatric Oral Health

500,000+ visits
32,000+ registered users

Answering the Call: Jo...



Answering the Call: Joining the Fight for Oral Health

Watch this informative and inspiring video which outlines both the challenge and progress in improving oral health as a vital component of effective primary care. Click the full screen icon in the bottom right hand corner of the video thumbnail to view it full-sized. This video is approximately seven minutes in length.

An [extended version](#) (21 minutes) of this documentary is also available.

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What About Models and Frameworks for Successful Oral Health and Primary Care Integration?

- *White Paper: Oral Health: An Essential Component of Primary Care* - Available at: www.QualisHealth.org/white-paper



- *What's next?*
 - The Oral Health Integration in Primary Care Project!
 - Coming in early October

Oral Health Integration in Primary Care Project... thanks, funders!

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About the Project: Create Resources for Integration

Goal: To prepare primary care teams to deliver preventive oral health care and structure referrals to dentistry

Process:

- Reviewed literature and results of recent efforts to integrate behavioral health services
- Convened a Technical Expert Panel to guide effort: primary care and dental providers; leaders from medical, dental, and nursing associations; payors and policymakers; patient and family engagement expert; public and oral health advocates

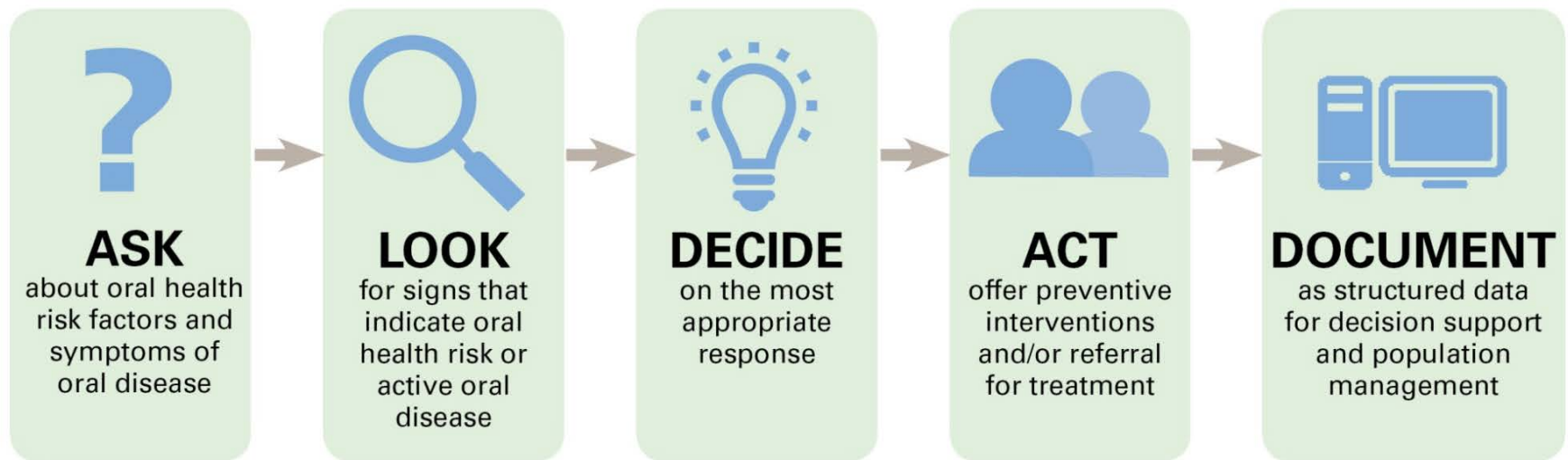
Answer This Question: What will it take to change the standard of care?



1. Clear definition of what can be done in the primary care setting to protect and promote oral health
2. Streamlined process for fitting oral health into an already packed primary care workflow
3. Practical model for a close collaboration between medicine and dentistry

Oral Health Delivery Framework

5 actions primary care teams can take to protect and promote their patients' oral health. Within the scope of practice for primary care; possible to implement in diverse practice settings.



Preventive interventions: Fluoride therapy; dietary counseling to protect teeth and gums; oral hygiene training; therapy for substance use; medication changes to address dry mouth.

Currently Field-Testing Conceptual Framework

Develop

Test

Improve

Disseminate

19 diverse healthcare delivery organizations: Private practices, Federally Qualified Health Centers; medical only and on-site dental

Adults with diabetes (9), pediatrics (3), pregnancy (1), adult well visits (1) eCW (5), EPIC (3), NextGen (2), Centricity (2), Success EHS (2)



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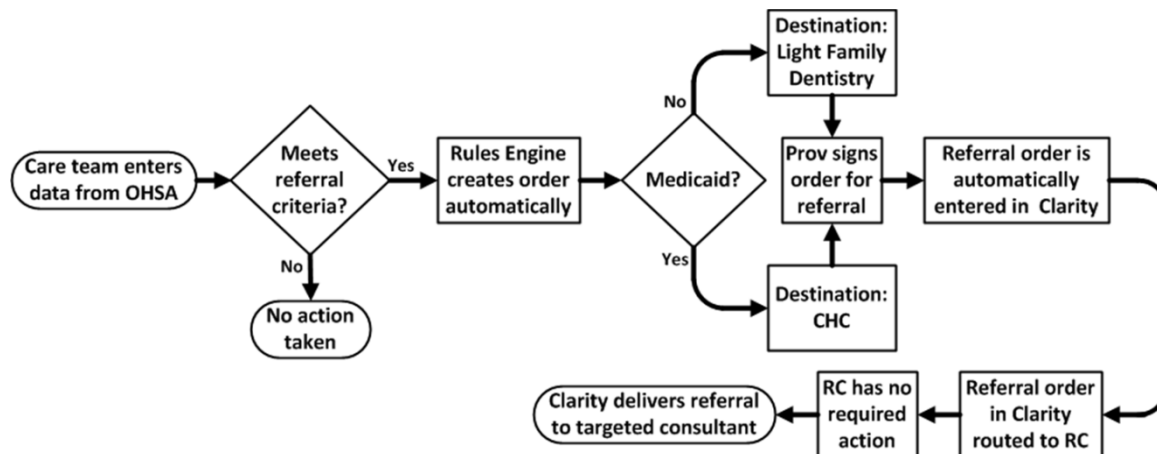
Is This Really Possible in Today's Busy Practice Setting? YES!

- Patient-centered medical homes and other advanced primary care practices have resources in place to implement now; others can take an incremental approach
- Possible without new members of the team and within a Provider/Medical Assistant “Teamlet”
- Most activities can be performed by a trained Medical Assistant or LPN
- Does not require specialized equipment or space
- Viability in the long-term will require policy and payment changes (e.g., reimbursement for care coordination activities)

Field Testing: Implementation Guide

Implementation guide—toolkit for primary care practices (October 2016)

- Sample workflows
- Referral agreements
- Patient education resources
- Case studies and impact data



Articles and Meetings that Get the Word Out and the Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care

- ***Articles and other documents (for example...)***
 - Haber, J, Hartnett, E, Allen, K et al. Putting the Mouth Back in the Body: HEENT to HEENOT. Am. J Pub Health. 2015; 105(3):437-441
 - Last week: International Journal of Dentistry and Oral Science: Integrating Dental Care into Patient Centered Medical Homes and Accountable Care Organizations: A United States of America Perspective
 - HHS Strategic Oral Health Framework
- ***Presentations at National, Regional and State Conferences***
 - National Oral Health Conference
 - American Dental Education Association
 - Association of American Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
- ***What's next?***
 - NIIOH Symposium
 - American Public Health Association
 - New England Rural Health Roundtable

HHS Framework Goals

1. Integrate oral health and primary care.
2. Prevent disease and promote oral health.
3. Increase access to oral health care and eliminate disparities.
4. Increases the dissemination of oral health information and improve health literacy.
5. Advance oral health in public policy and research.

What's Next: Engaging the Larger National Movement: The Oral Health 2020 Network

- **Goal 5: Integration Oral Health Into Person-Centered Care**
 - Make targeted investments to develop alignment around effective care **models**
 - Make targeted investments to support national organizations to develop **accreditation and certification standards** that include oral health
 - Engage national dental providers and payer associations in the design and regulation of PCMH, ACO, and other **payment reform** efforts
 - Identify and engage **oral health champions** within primary care health professions to prioritize the adoption of oral health integration
 - Build and expand **interprofessional education** resources to include oral health for a broad range of clinical professions
 - Support oral health care **model implementation tools** to be published and adopted
 - Support implementation efforts to **integrate medical and dental records**

What's Next?

- *New disciplines (e.g., social work, pharmacy)*
- *New changes to education, licensure and accreditation for health professions*
- *New partners and champions (health care systems)*
- *Leadership at the Federal level through the Framework*
- *Focus on reimbursement, measurement, referral networks*

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