



Accelerating Systems Change In Oral Health Education and Practice

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How Did We Get Here?

108 Million

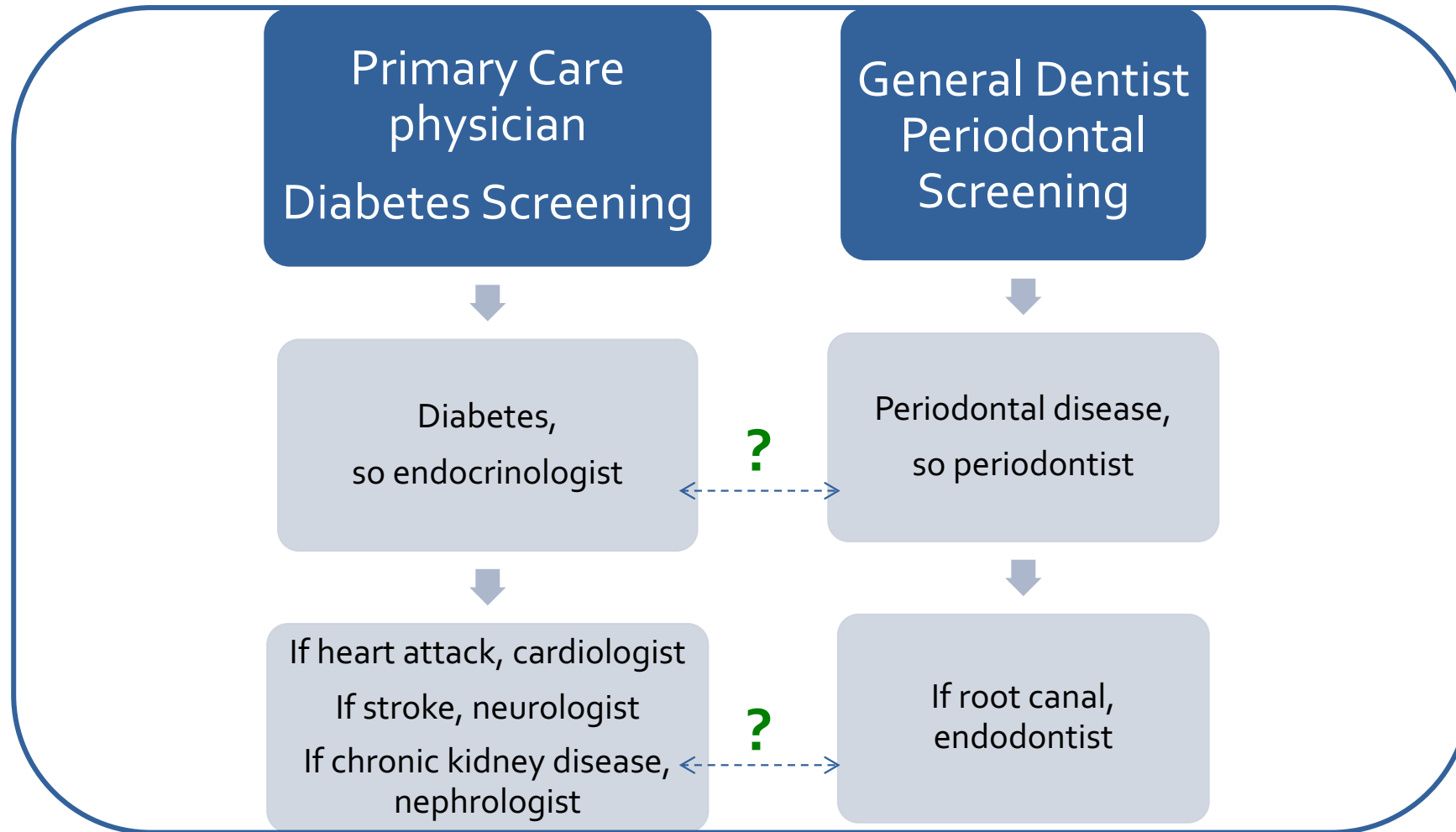
**People visit a medical provider but
not a dental provider**



27 Million

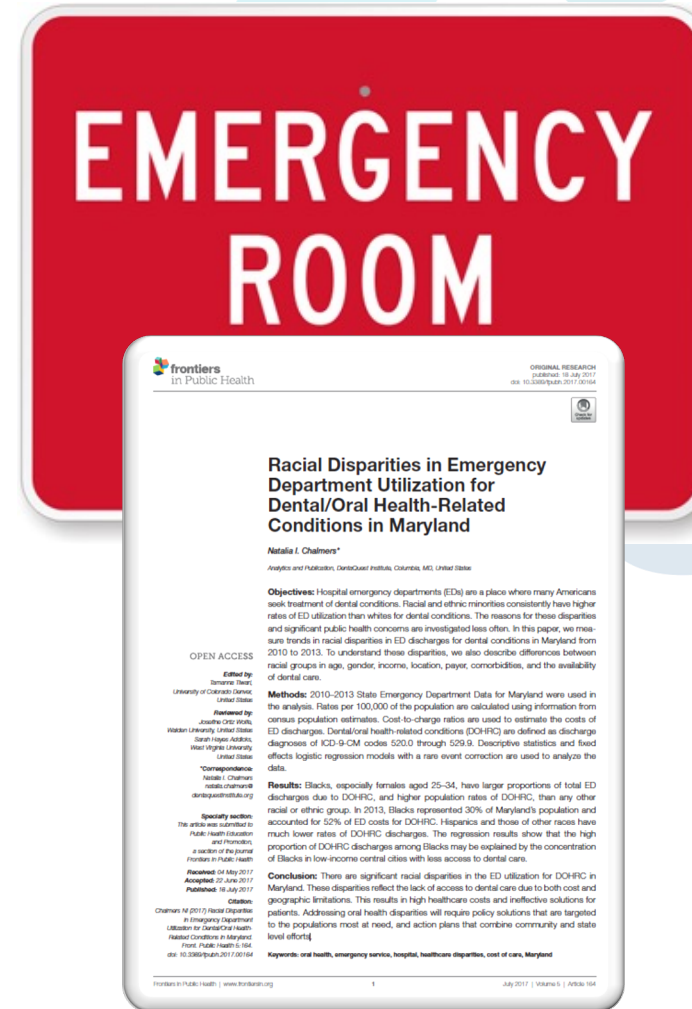
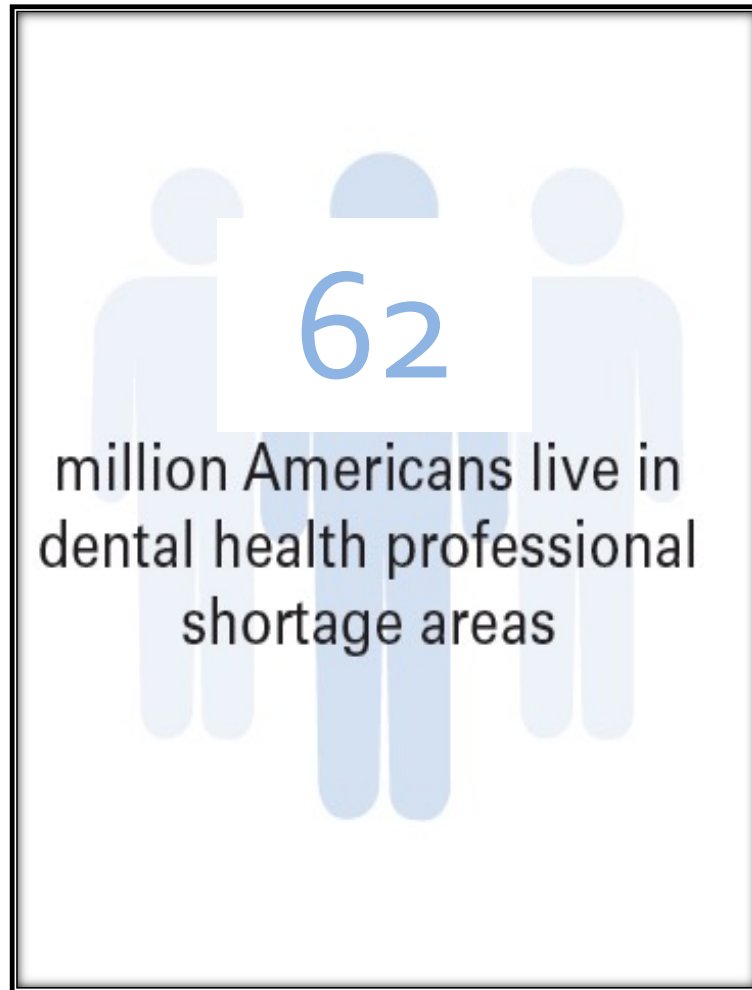
**Visit a dental provider but
not a medical provider**

Flow of Information



**Communication is tenuous,
usually carried out by patient, if at all.**

Health Professional Shortage Areas



Who, What and Why – NIIOH 2009

Consortium: Funders, health professionals + national organizations
Vision: Eradicate dental disease
Mission: Engage primary care team
Focus: Integrate oral health into primary care education + practice

The Short Answer

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The Opportunity for Change

Interprofessional Competencies
The "What" and The "How"



2021?
Surgeon
General
Report

Oral Health in America:
A Report of the
Surgeon General

A National Call to Action
to Promote Oral Health

A Public-Private Partnership
Under the Leadership of
The Office of the Surgeon General

Advancing
Oral Health
in America

Improving Access to
Oral Health Care for
Vulnerable and
Underserved Populations

IPEC[®]
Interprofessional Education Collaborative

Core Competencies for
Interprofessional Collaborative Practice:
2016 Update

Integration of Oral Health and
Primary Care Practice

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
February 2014

Oral Health:
An Essential Component
of Primary Care
White Paper

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Oral Health Strategic Framework
2014-2017



CHANGE

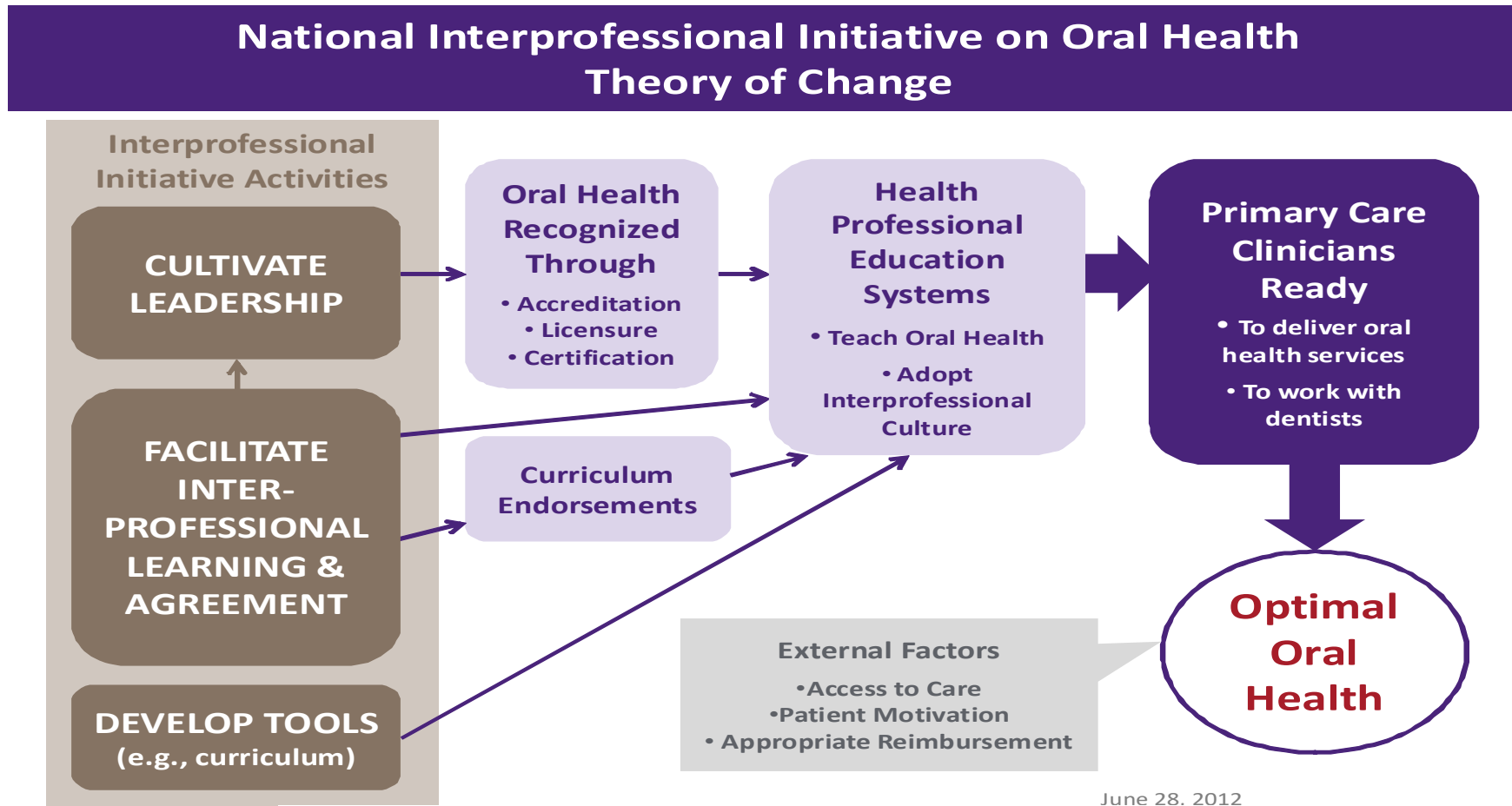


MOVEMENT

National Interprofessional Initiative
on Oral Health

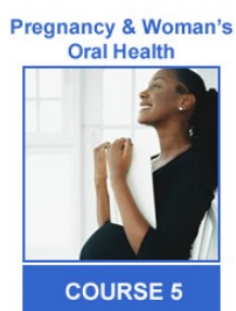
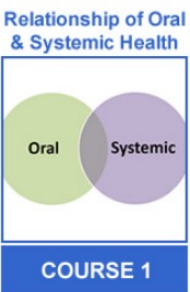
engaging clinicians
reducing dental disease

Theory of Change



Support, align, and connect partner efforts to integrate oral health into education and practice.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT



22
Endorsing
organizations
representing

Medicine
PA's
Nursing
Dentistry
Dental Hygiene
Pharmacy
Community Health
Centers
And More!

Smiles For Life Usage

2010 - 2020

Since the site launched in June 2010, there have been:

- **150,254** registered users
- **453,621** courses completed for CE credit
- **65,557** modules downloaded by educators



<http://smilesforlifeoralhealth.org>

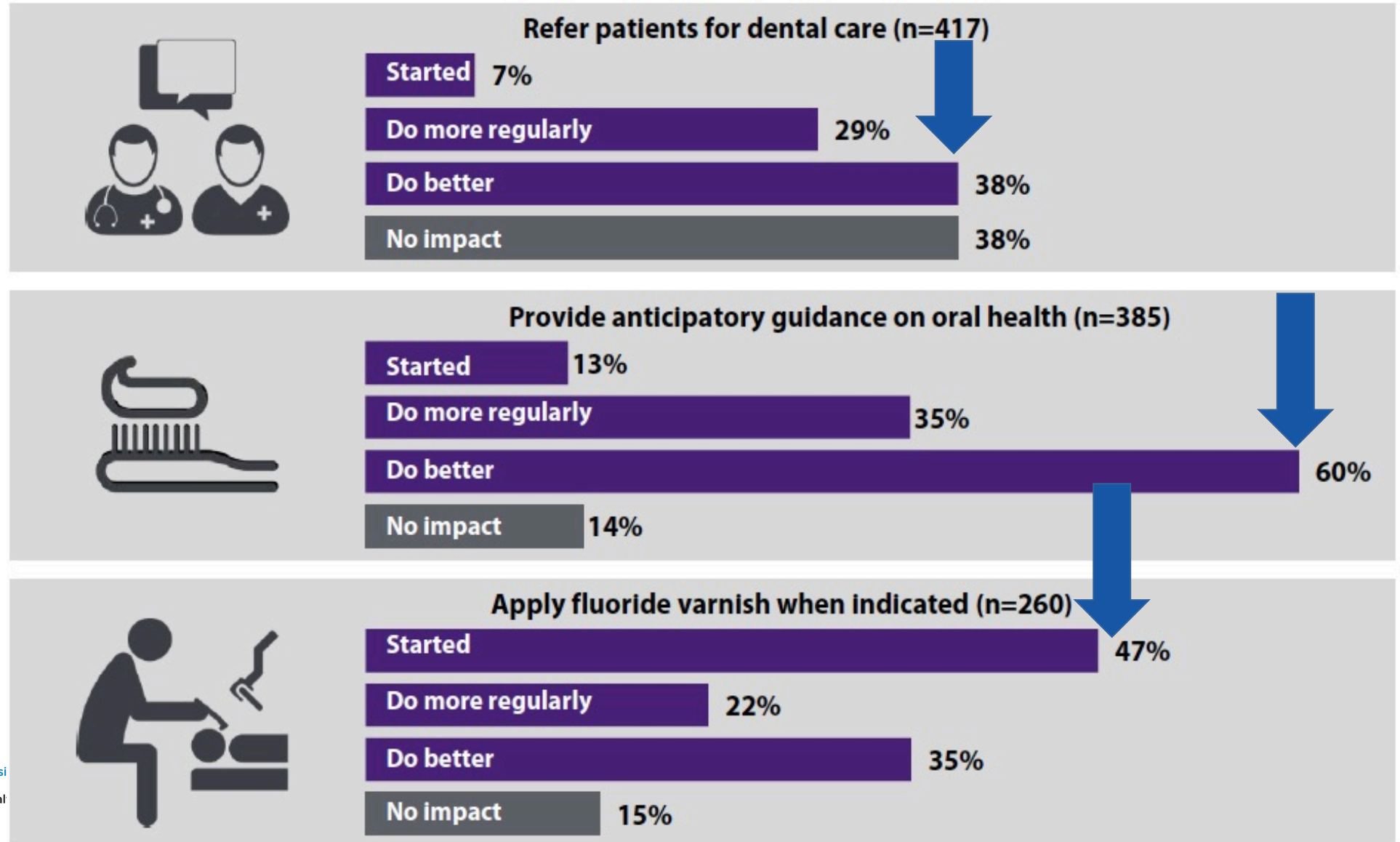
Smiles for Life Survey

Key Question:

- How does Smiles for Life influence practice?
 - Providers reported that SFL influenced their practice of oral health activities in one or more of the following ways:
 - Led them to start performing oral health activities
 - Allowed them to perform oral health activities more regularly
 - Helped them perform oral health activities better



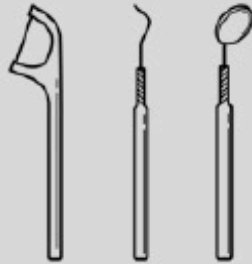
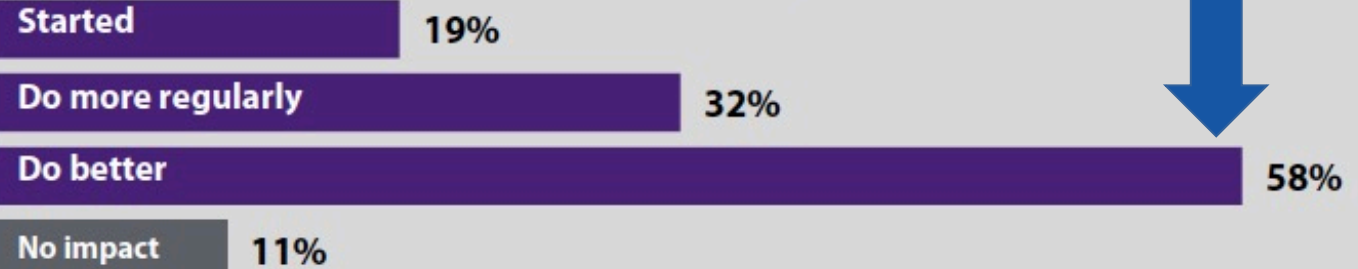
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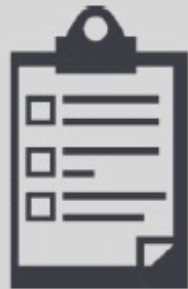
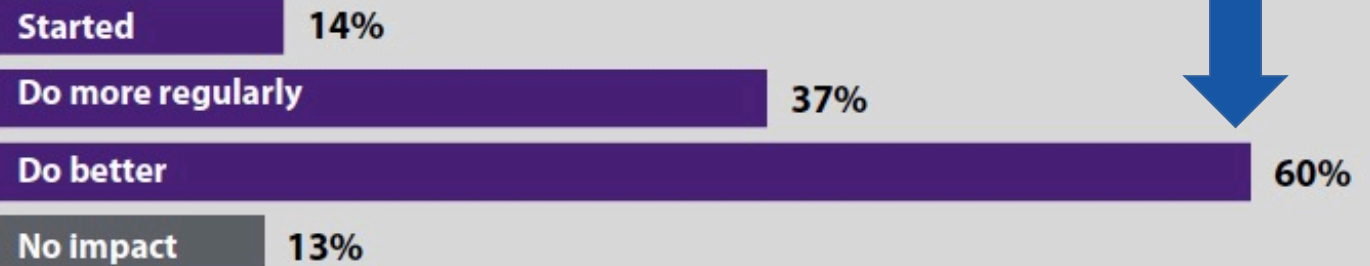
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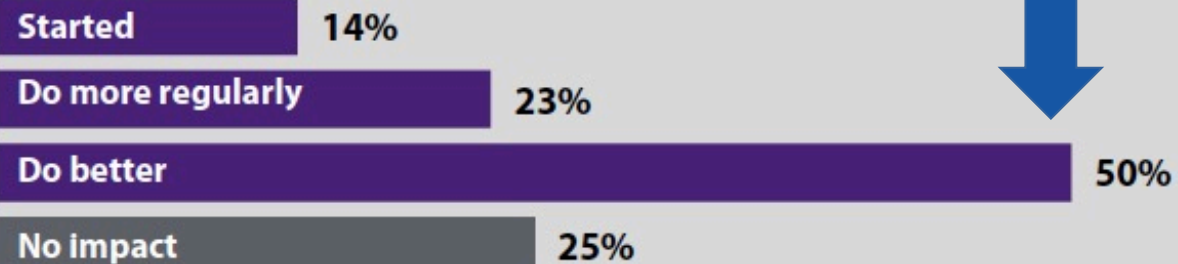
Conduct caries risk assessments (n=248)



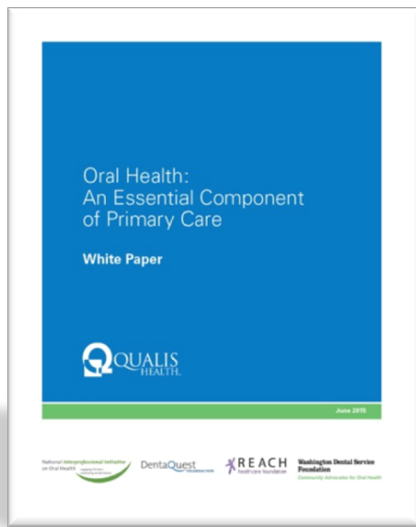
Conduct annual oral exams with patients (n=203)



Conduct oral cancer screening exams (n=95)



Oral Health: An Essential Component of Primary Care

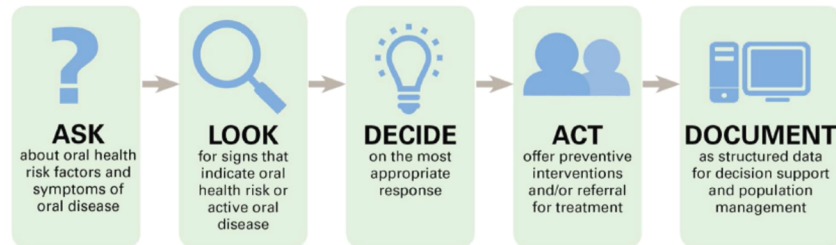


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June 2015

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; chlorhexidine rinse.

Citation: Hummel J, Phillips KE, Holt B, Hayes C. *Oral Health: An Essential Component of Primary Care*. Seattle, WA: Qualis Health; June 2015.



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Resources available at:

<http://www.safetynetmedicalhome.org/change-concepts/organized-evidence-based-care/oral-health>

“Oral Health Integration Implementation Guide”

Toolkit for primary care teams (Released 10/10/16)

What's in the Guide?

- Workflow maps
- Referral agreements
- Patient engagement strategies
- Patient/family education resources
- EHR templates
- Case examples
- Impact data and more



PA Leadership Initiative on Oral Health

Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice Initiative

PA Leadership Initiative in Oral Health

Growth of Oral Health Education and Training in Physician Assistant Programs



2008: 32.8% of responding PA programs provided oral health instruction*



2014: 78.4% of responding PA programs provided oral health instruction*



2017: 96% of responding PA programs provided oral health instruction

Response percentage for each year represents different surveys

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- Register!: Webinar "Interdisciplinary Approaches For Improved Oral Health: Release Of A White Paper From The AAPHD Council On Practice"
- Check out these eLearning Modules from the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptor

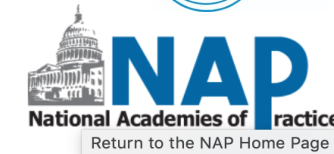
OHNEP LEADS THE WAY

OHNEP is at the vanguard of helping nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives, nurses, and other health professionals incorporate oral health into patient care.

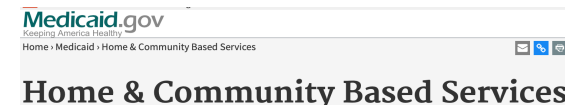
Why? Oral health and general health are interconnected. Research evidence links poor oral health like periodontal disease with diabetes, cancer, heart and lung diseases, and progression of dementia and Alzheimer's, among others. Yet, few health professionals integrate oral health in their clinical practice.

NIIOH: A Recognized Thought Leader: Public and Private Organizations, Payors, and Health Systems

Webinars, Presentations, Invited Expert



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION



Home & Community Based Services



Innovations in Oral Health and Primary Care Integration

2021

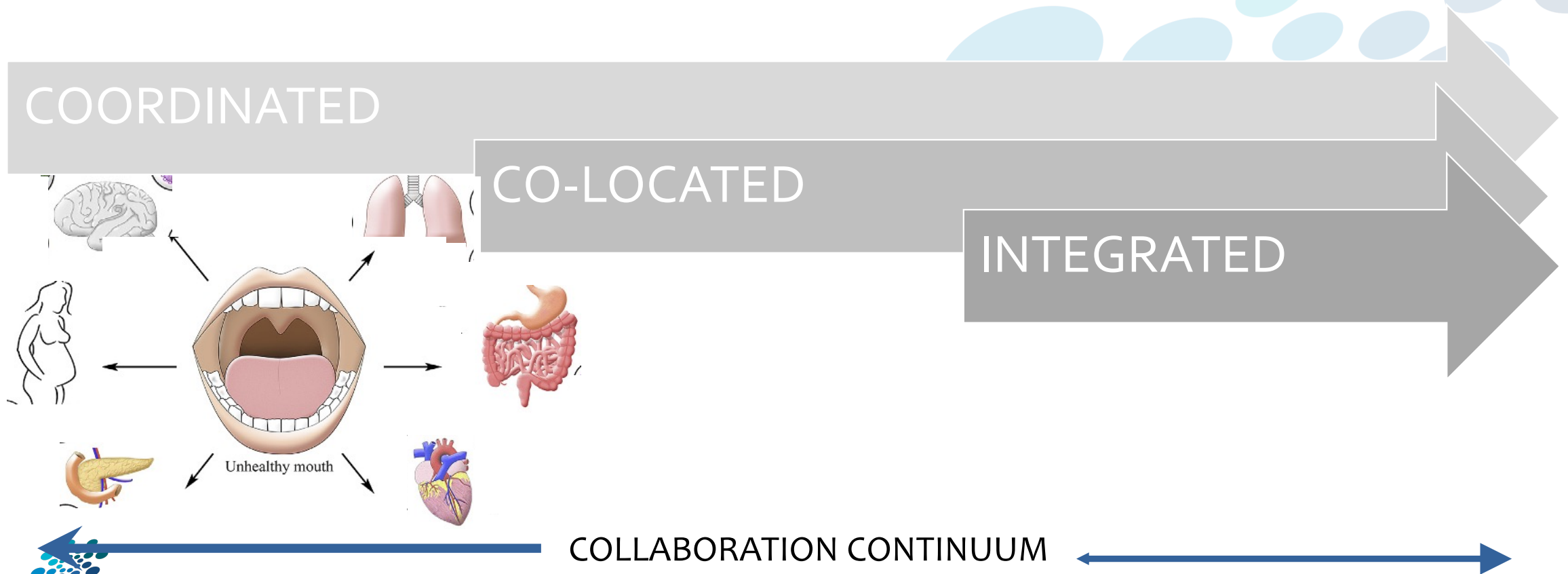
Alignment with the Shared Principles of Primary Care

Oral Health Report

@pcc primary care collaborative

thePCC.org

Broad Collaborative Care Categorizations



What Have We Learned

The organizational change process requires **system-wide intervention**

Having the **right people, right place, right reason** can change ideas and practice

A key is having the **right tools and strategies** to impact knowledge, skills and attitudes of providers

We cannot achieve our vision of “**oral health for all**” unless we change our approach to oral health care

Integration and collaboration is key, we can't do this alone!



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Where Do We Go From Here?

We need to move beyond symptoms of health disparities to aiming policy and funding at changing the structure that creates those disparities

We need to continue to work together across health professions to create a shared vision for whole person care across medical and dental silos and define shared performance measures with a focus on prevention, value and population health.