

DENTAQUEST PARTNERSHIP NEWS

ICYMI: New DentaQuest Partnership Website

In case you didn't see our announcement last week, we've completed the process of joining the former DentaQuest Institute & DentaQuest Foundation websites at www.dentaquestpartnership.org. We encourage you to visit the site and check out all the information we have related to grantmaking, research, care improvement and thought leadership.



PERSON-CENTERED CARE

Continuing Education Webinar: Oral Health & the Social Determinants | Thursday, May 30 1-2 p.m. ET

The DentaQuest Partnership will host our next continuing education webinar, [Oral Health & the Social Determinants](#), on May 30 at 1 p.m. ET. We will provide an overview of social determinants of health (SDOH) as they relate to oral health and discuss how we incorporate SDOH into our grantmaking work. Participants will also hear from our grantees about how this work has come to life on the national, state and local levels.

Big Data Highlights Importance of Interprofessional Practice

The DentaQuest Partnership and the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine published new research on the impact of medical well-child visits on the promotion of preventive dental visits. The study, utilizing "big data" of more than 1.3 million Medicaid claims, found a significant association between the medical well-child visit and the first pediatric dental visit. These findings continue to move the needle forward on the collaborative future of dentistry and medicine, including our work through [MORE Care](#). Read the full article, "[Association between Medical Well-Child Visits and Dental Preventive Visits: A Big Data Report](#)," in *JDR: Clinical & Translational Research*.

Dental Utilization Among Patients Living With HIV

The DentaQuest Partnership Analytics & Evaluation team recently put together a [research brief](#) analyzing dental services received by patients living with HIV compared to non-HIV patients. The brief showed that those with HIV are less likely to see the dentist, and when HIV patients do visit the dentist, they are more likely to require major restorative or extraction procedures.



ADULT DENTAL BENEFIT

Rural Elderly Face Additional Oral Health Disparities

Families USA and the DentaQuest Partnership recently collaborated on a [Health Affairs Blog](#) highlighting the significant disparities faced by rural elderly residents. Twenty percent of these residents reported not visiting a dentist or a dental clinic for at least the last five years. They are more likely to be completely toothless and less likely to have dentures. They travel farther for services, have less access to complex treatments, and have increased overall health risks. Through the addition of a public adult dental benefit and targeted workforce initiatives, policymakers could begin to reduce or eliminate these disparities.

Economic Impact of Poor Oral Health

[An article](#) authored by the DentaQuest Partnership's new biostatistician, Yara Halasa-Rappel, Ph.D., was recently published in the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*. Dr. Halasa-Rappel and her co-authors used the National Health and Nutritional Examination Survey to develop a Dental Problem Index (DPI) to quantify the impact of dental caries and missing anterior teeth on employment, and estimate the impact of a routine dental visit on the health of anterior teeth and the benefits of expanding dental coverage for non-elderly adults. They found that a routine dental visit has a negative impact on the DPI and improves the probability of employment and estimated that improvement in dental coverage would improve the employability of 9,972 nonelderly adults with an associated annual fiscal impact of \$27 million.



NATIONAL MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

State Spotlight: A Collaborative Partnership for Better Community Oral Health Data

Northern Arizona University and Children's Action Alliance, through a HRSA-funded project entitled Project Zer0: Women & Infants (PZWI), have used oral health data to tell a story about the health status of Arizona's children. Check out [this poster](#) for more information on the PZWI project, and [this infographic](#) to see how they connected oral health to children's overall health. PZWI is a great example of how data can be used to demonstrate the impact of oral health. Tell us how you are advocating for better measurement of oral health in your state: partnershipinfo@dentaquest.com.

INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Oral Health for Patients Experiencing Homelessness Factsheet

The National Network for Oral Health Access recently partnered with the National Health Care for the Homeless Council to develop [a factsheet](#) on oral health and diabetes for patients experiencing homelessness.

Developing an Interprofessional Oral Health Education System That Meets the Needs of Older Adults

The California Dental Association recently published [an article](#) that discusses how education can bridge the silos between dental and medical care to better serve older adults who suffer from complex dental and medical conditions.

Consumer Survey of Barriers to and Facilitators of Access to Oral Health Services

The Oral Health Workforce Research Center recently released [a report](#) showing the results of a 2018 survey of U.S. adults to examine factors contributing to oral health disparities. The report features statistics including geographic distribution of respondents and distribution of self-reported need for dental care, with breakdowns by rural, suburban, or urban location.

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