

Examining History, Shaping the Future: Elevating Black Voices in Oral Health Care

CareQuest Institute Continuing Education Webinar

February 22, 2024



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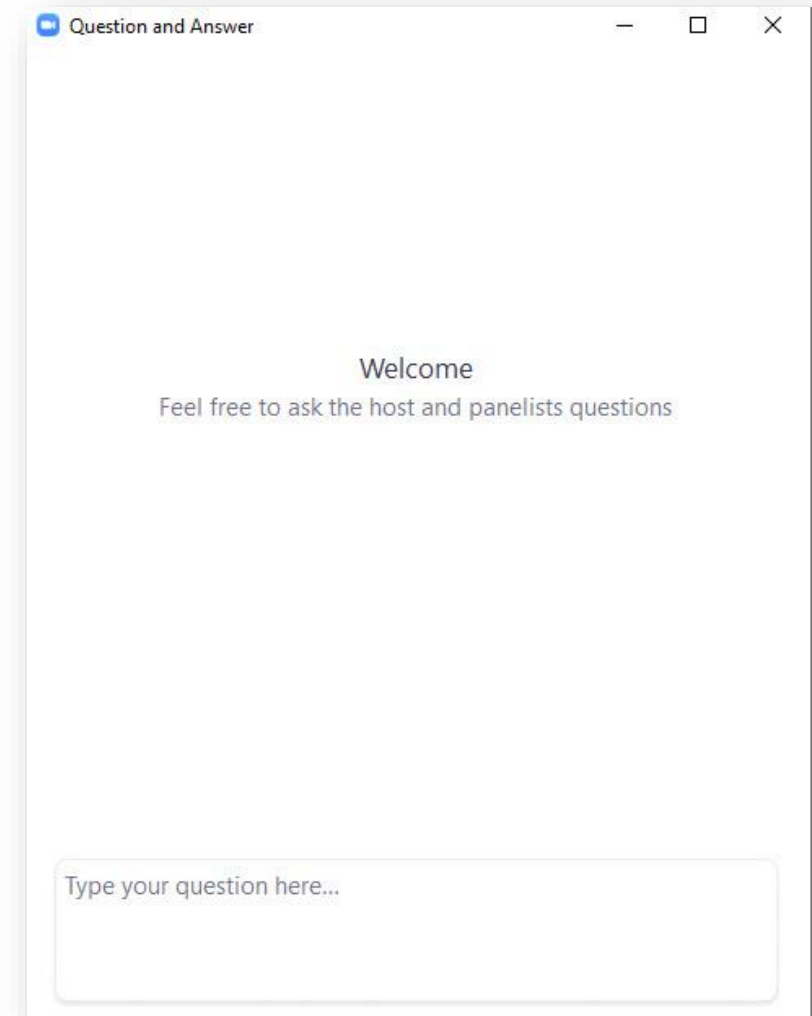
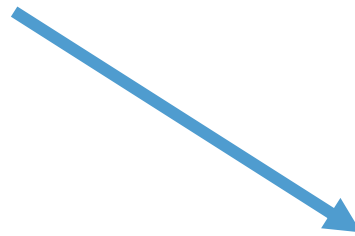


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- We will turn to your questions and comments toward the end of the hour.



Thank You!



Learning Objectives

At the end of this webinar, you'll be able to:

- Describe the challenges and barriers Black communities face in accessing oral health care.
- Apply strategies to enhance cultural humility and equity in any dental setting.
- Analyze historical events and data to identify potential improvements within public policy and oral health equity.

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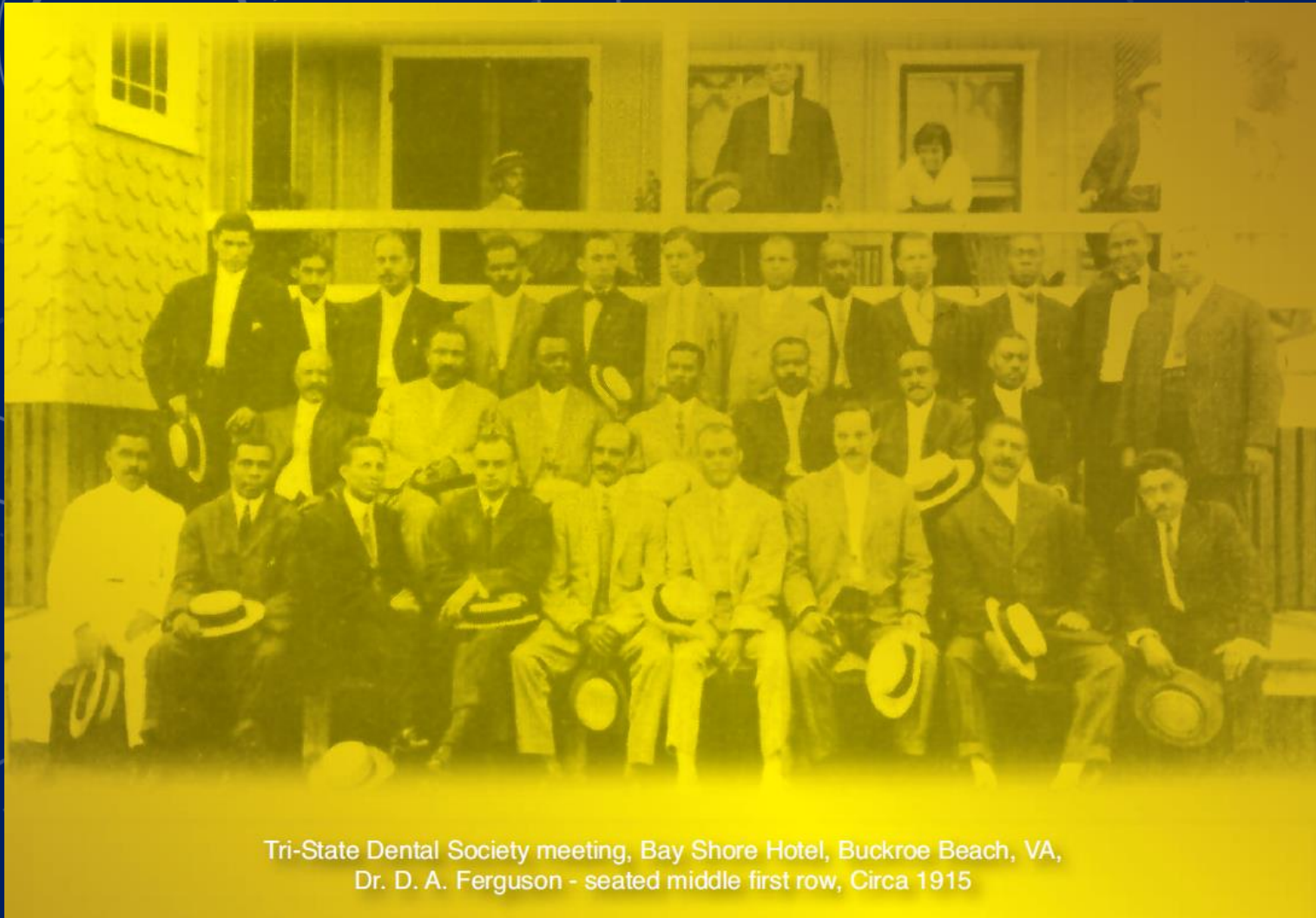
Professor and Dean Emeritus, Howard University College of Dentistry, Senior Scholar Emeritus, American Dental Education Association



Dr. Nicole Cheek
100th President, National Dental Association



How It All Began ...



In 1913, 29 dentists from DC, Maryland and Virginia met at the Bay Shore Hotel, an African American summer resort in Buckroe Beach, VA, and the “Tri-State Dental Society” was formed. This would be the precursor to the National Dental Association.

Tri-State Dental Society meeting, Bay Shore Hotel, Buckroe Beach, VA,
Dr. D. A. Ferguson - seated middle first row, Circa 1915



Continuing On...

During this same era, there was a proliferation of African American organizations across America.



Bay Shore
To Begin
Season Today

With the opening of its day and tomorrow, the park, Negro, will celebrate part of its 58th consecutive year. Among the new attractions this year are a children's ferris wheel operated by trained personnel. For the adult groups, a fun house will be operating. Starting with a makeshift bath house and soft drink stand in 1898, the park has become a well known Virginia resort with accommodations attracting from many out-of-state cities and counties. Among the conventions scheduled for this year are the Old Dominion Dental Society, Association of Bar Real Estate Brokers, Virginia Negro Funeral Directors Association, Epicureans, Inc., and the National Dental Association. During the past Spring and Summer months, several local organizations have held banquets at Shore, among which were the Junior Women's League of Chesapeake, the Delta Sorority, League of Social and Civic Clubs, Council of Elks, Hamlet Club, and Boulee Club.



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July 29, 2008

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Dear Dr. Feldman,

Over the last few years, the American Dental Association (ADA) has made efforts on the local, state, and national levels to facilitate dialogue between the National Dental Association (NDA) and the ADA on issues that are of importance to each of our organizations. These efforts are commendable and appreciated. However, the leadership of the National Dental Association seeks to address and attempt to rectify a major longstanding issue that is sustaining what is perceived to be an inescapable and significant divide between our two groups.

The systematic and institutional exclusion of black dentists from participation in the ADA from 1856 through 1963 adversely affected the health care of millions of Americans. Since the origins of the ADA in 1856 throughout the process of the name change (from the National Dental Association to the American Dental Association in 1922) through the passage of the Civil Rights Act, until 1963, ADA constituent and component societies denied membership to African American dentists against the dictates of the ADA Bylaws.

That is 107 years that the ADA accepted this practice officially. These acts of racial discrimination contributed to irreparable harm and adverse health conditions for generations of African Americans for over 150 years. This fact is in stark contrast to the ADA's claims to be the voice of dentistry for ALL Americans.

The National Dental Association deems it appropriate and necessary to insist on an apology from the American Dental Association for allowing these practices to continue as long as they did. The National Dental Association will continue to be the oldest and most effective voice of the underrepresented and the minority dental professionals in this nation. We await your response and trust you will see the immediate benefit and value that a public apology will serve. Your action will begin the reconciliation process and serve to address the many national health care concerns of ALL Americans.

Sincerely,

Nathan Fletcher, DDS
President

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Dr. Nathan Fletcher requests apology from the American Dental Association

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September 28, 2011

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Raymond F. Gist, D.D.S.
President

Dear National Dental Association Members and All African American Dentists:

This letter is in response to the National Dental Association's request for a clear expression of apology by ADA for past membership discrimination. As we have previously expressed, the ADA regrets the discrimination demonstrated by a number of its state societies and local societies in the years before 1965. The ADA recognizes that all African American dentists' lives have been affected by our nation's discrimination history. In order to build a stronger, collaborative platform for our future accomplishments, the American Dental Association acknowledges its past mistakes and apologizes to the members of the National Dental Association and to all African American dentists.

We cannot and must not forget the past, yet commit to move forward collaboratively to ensure the strength of our profession for those currently practicing and for those who will come after us. The ADA's goal is to be a welcoming, member-led association representing the richness of a truly diverse profession, well positioned to serve the needs of all of our communities now and in the future.

We appreciate that the NDA has pioneered important programs to provide better access to dental careers for African Americans and to reduce oral health disparities that have plagued our nation along racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines. The ADA is proud of its own initiatives, created with NDA input, such as the Institute for Diversity in Leadership. ADA was also proud to join with the NDA, the Hispanic Dental Association and the Society of American Indian Dentists in producing the National Summit on Diversity in Dentistry.

Doors have been opened, and yet more can be done. Working together, the ADA and the NDA can bring more talented young people to careers in dentistry, more treatment to people in need and a more united profession to advance the oral health of all Americans.

We must stand together in order to advocate on behalf of dentists and the patients we serve. First and foremost we are dentists—doctors of oral health—uniquely qualified to diagnose and treat oral diseases. As a profession, we have the hands of a surgeon and the heart of a healer. I am proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with you to advance the profession and the oral health of the public.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Gist, D.D.S.
President

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cc: Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees
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Who are we today?



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The National Dental Association promotes oral health equity among people of color by harnessing the collective power of its members, advocating for the needs of and mentoring dental students of color, and raising the profile of the profession in our communities.



Core Values

- Leadership
- Service
- Life-long Learning
- Innovation & Family

The NDA is dedicated to:

- Representing the concerns of ethnic minorities in dentistry
- Increasing access and achieving equity in underserved communities
- Advocacy for equitable health care and improved health outcomes





Leadership Development



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Named after Eddie G. Smith, Jr., DDS, FACD, FICD, the author of the first Constitution of the NDA, served as the first Speaker of the House of Delegates (1967-1970), and served as President of the NDA from 1972-1973.

Dr. Smith fervently believed:

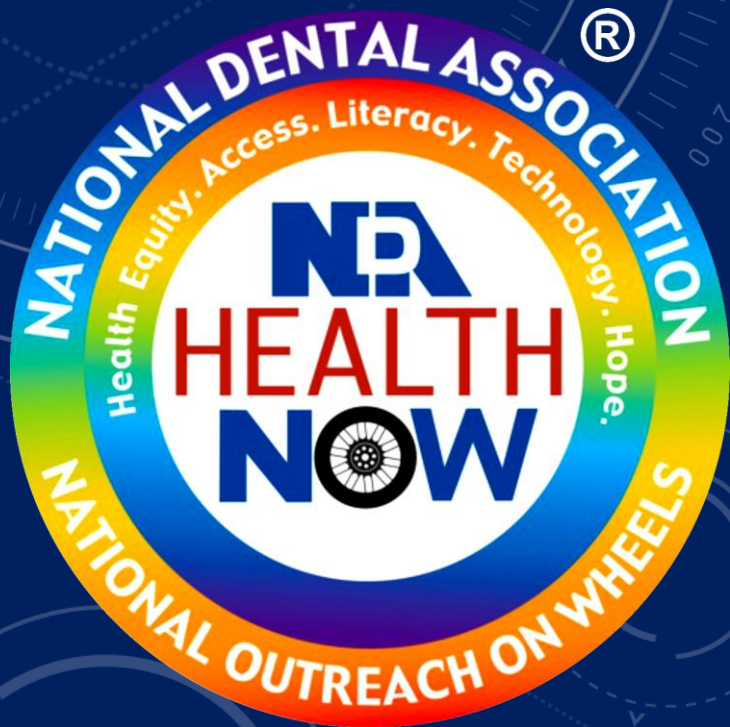
- that the future of the NDA would be determined by the strength of its leaders
- that the duty and obligation of current leaders is to sufficiently train and mentor future leaders
- that the information, history, and knowledge must be preserved and passed on to the next generations

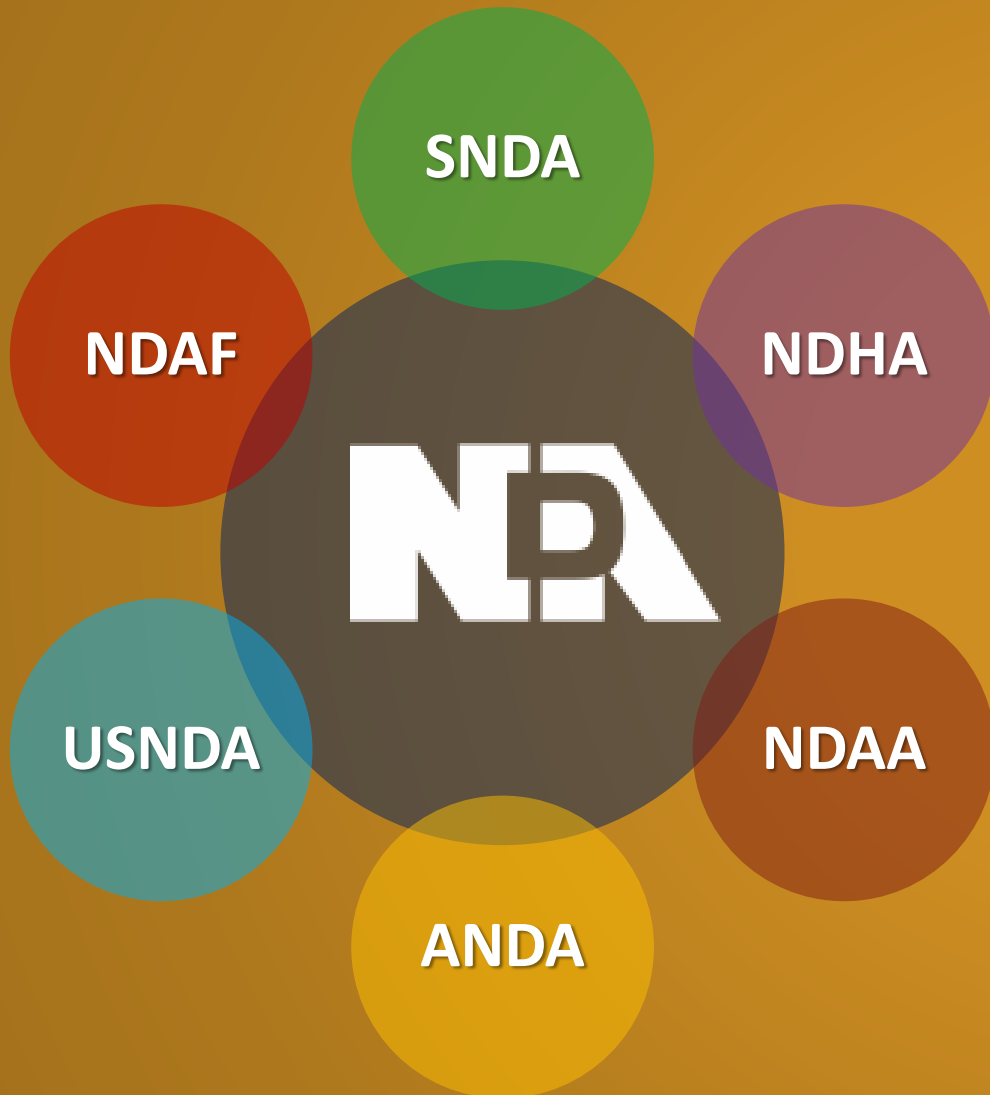
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Thank You



Moving Forward Together,
Continuing Our Legacies ...

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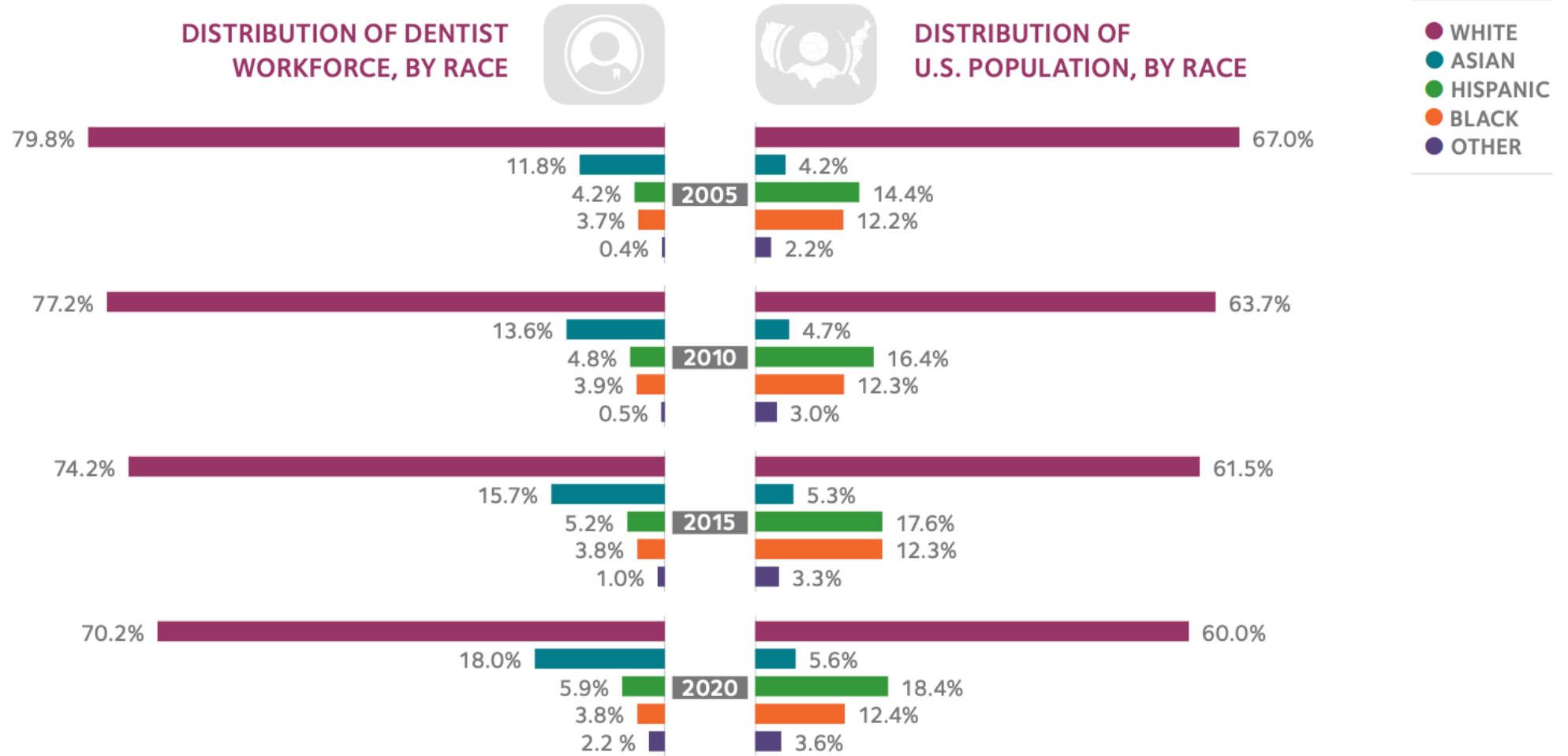
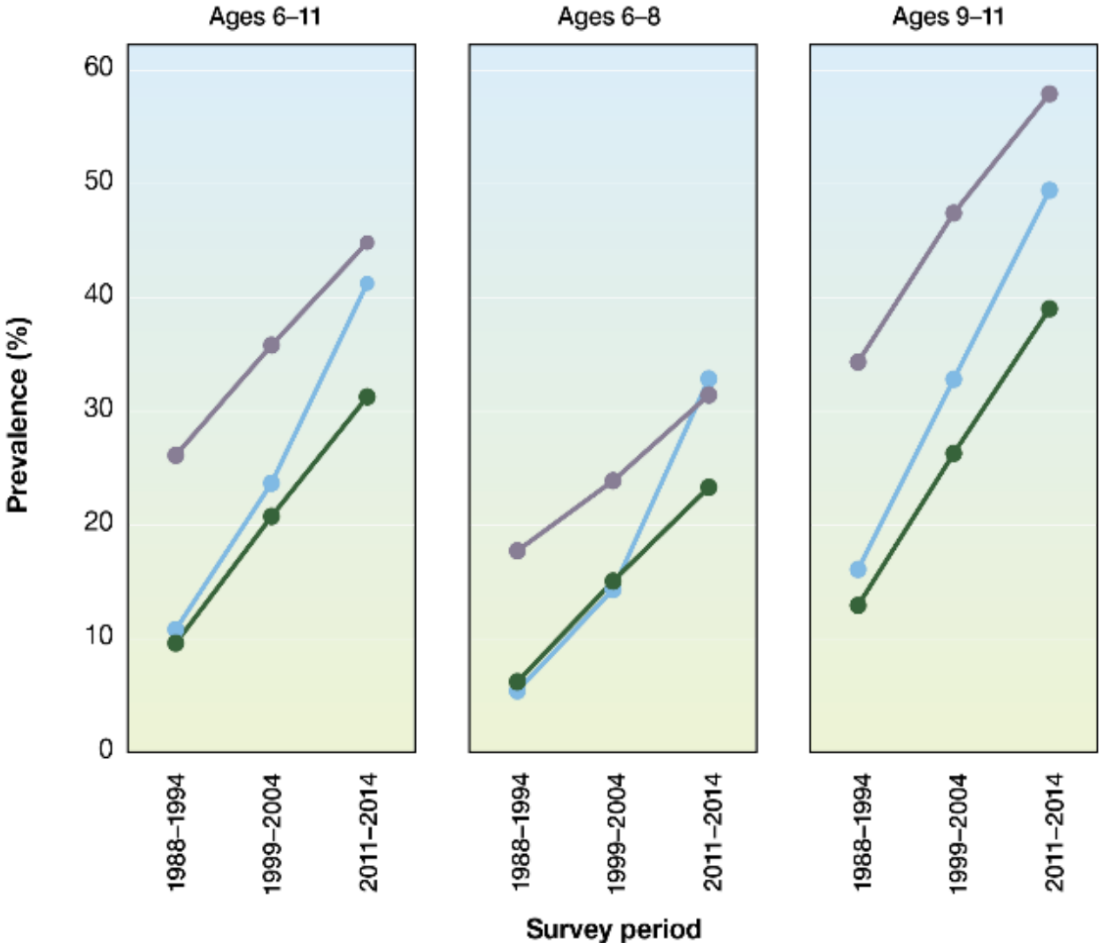


Figure 32. Percentage of children ages 6–11 with dental sealants on permanent teeth by age group and race/ethnicity: United States, 1988–1994, 1999–2004, 2011–2014

Race/ethnicity ● non-Hispanic White ● non-Hispanic Black ● Mexican American

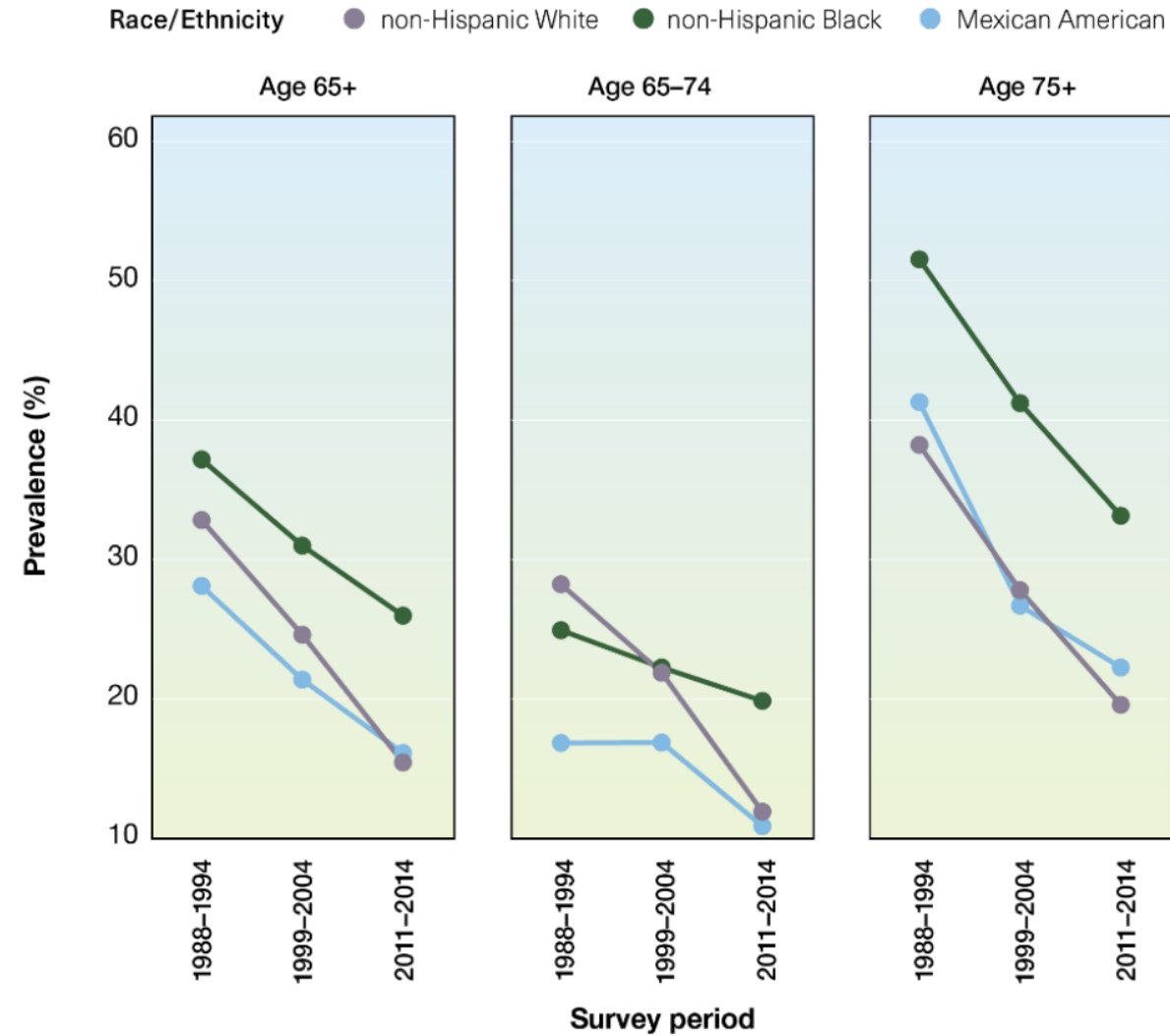


Health Outcomes

Note: Prevalence of dental sealants is having at least one permanent molar tooth sealed.
Source: CDC. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Public use data, 1988–1994, 1999–2004, and 2011–2014.

Health Outcomes

Figure 17. Prevalence of edentulism among adults age 65 years and older by age group and race/ethnicity: United States, 1988–1994, 1999–2004, 2011–2014



Notes: Edentulism is complete loss of all natural permanent teeth.
 Source: CDC. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Public use data, 1988–1994, 1999–2004, and 2011–2014.



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Missed Connections
Providers and Consumers Want More Medical-Dental Integration

Oral health and overall health are inextricably linked. There is mounting evidence to suggest that poor oral health is related to a variety of chronic health conditions, such as high blood pressure, dementia, diabetes, and obesity. Despite this known connection, dental care is still largely siloed from medical care. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that integrating basic health screenings into a dental setting could save the health care system up to \$100 million every year.¹

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health conducted a nationally representative survey in January and February 2021 to assess consumers' perspectives on oral and overall health (n=5,320). CareQuest Institute also conducted a nationwide survey of oral health providers to assess perspectives and current behaviors related to interprofessional practice (n=377). Consumers and oral health providers described a lack of integration between medical and oral health care, and a desire for increased interprofessional collaboration.

Key Findings:
Medical-dental collaboration is currently uncommon.

- 63% of consumers report that their primary medical doctor "rarely" or "never" asks about their oral health.
- 33% of consumers report that their oral health provider "rarely" or "never" asks about their overall health.
- 45% of responding oral health providers report "rarely" integrating their care with clinicians outside of dentistry, with only 14% reporting it is part of their "daily" practice.
- Less than a third of consumers report receiving general health screenings from their oral health provider.
- A majority (89%) of adults report never receiving a referral from their oral health provider to a non-oral health professional.
- Almost a fourth (24%) of participating oral health providers report currently implementing interprofessional practice.

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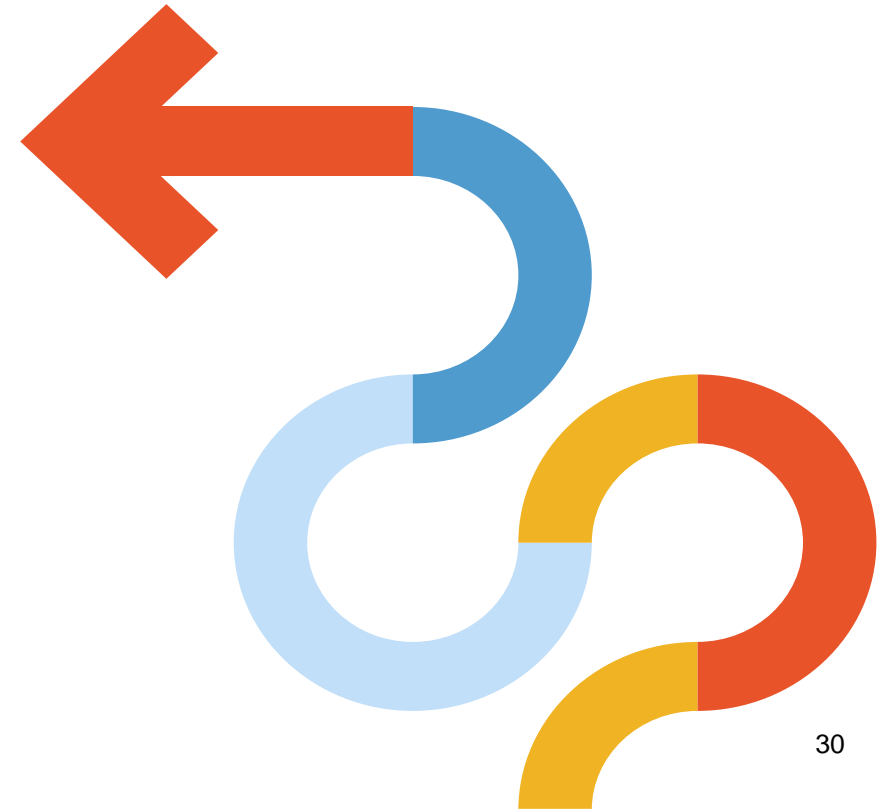
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