# Opportunities for Leadership and Effective Management in Oral Health Networks

Our mission is to improve the oral health of all.

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### What is Leadership?

### Leadership

- Varied views
  - Tangibles
  - Intangibles

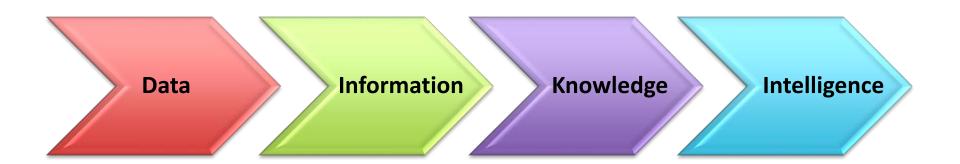
### Effective Management

- Manage with integrity and consistency
  - Cohesion, togetherness, solidarity
- Clarity and strong communication
- Recognize achievement
- Vision and Mission
- Have a basic understanding of the human free spirit
- BE AN EXAMPLE (REFLECTION EFFECT)





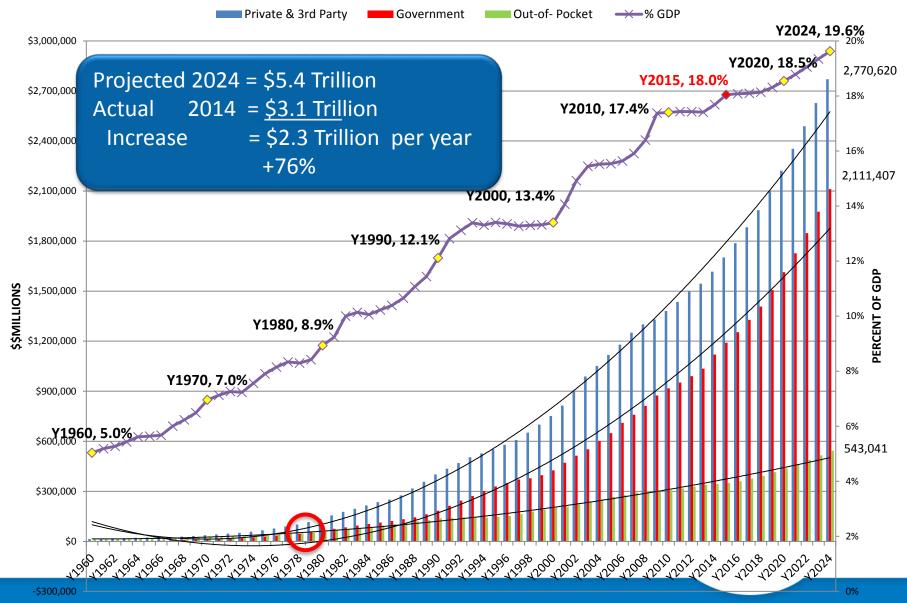
### A process of effective management





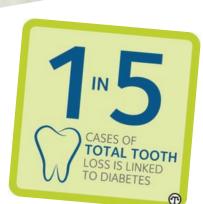


### **Escalating Health Care Costs**



# **TEETH AND GUMS**





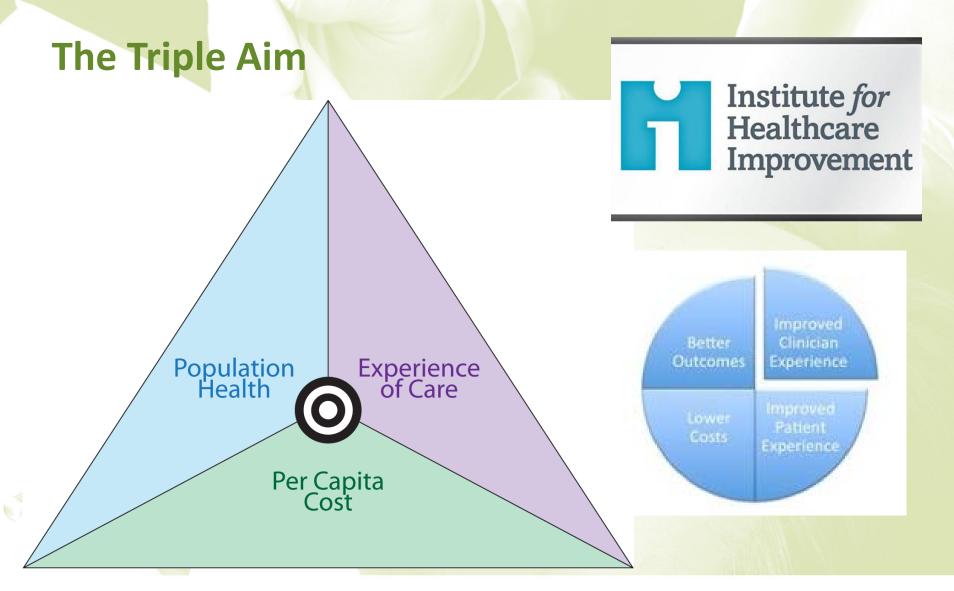
OF SYSTEMIC DISEASES HAVE ORAL MANIFESTATIONS."

THE ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY, 2002





40% of those who had chemotherapy have oral symptoms, such as sore gums, cavities, mouth infections and dry mouth.





### The Patient Experience & Satisfaction

Patient Identified as: MORE Adult (active patient with diabetes diagnosis)or MORE Pediatric (child 0-12 years)

#### MORE Pediatric

- Standard intake protocol
- Parent given MORE care questionnaire for completion
- Parent questioned about dental home and last dental visit
- Parent questioned about specific oral health risk factors
- Patient ready for clinical care appointment (transfer questionnaire)

#### Application of Primary and Secondary Prevention

- Oral Health Risk Assessment<sup>1</sup>
- Ouestionnaire
- o Intraoral examination2
- Oral Health Anticipatory Guidance<sup>4</sup>
- Application of Fluoride Varnish<sup>3</sup>
- Optimizing Medication List<sup>5</sup>
- Pathway placement / intervention need<sup>5</sup>
  - Application of silver diamine fluoride on posterior teeth with asymptomatic large earious lesions
  - o Completion of dental care referral form

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  - Prescription need
- o Completion of dental care referral form<sup>6</sup>



- Route slip/encounter form is completed with appropriate selection of MORE adjustment codes
- All relevant billing codes (including the adjustment codes) are entered into the sites practice management system
- Appropriate billing protocols are maintained to ensure accuracy and validity
- Clinical to front office communication is verified to assist patient with further treatment or to book
  the next medical encounter<sup>6</sup>
  - o Patients in need of tertiary dental treatment results in referral system activation
    - Appointmentidentified as urgent (pain and swelling-active infection) or necessary (last dental visit more than a year, cavities observed, prescription completed for adults based on MORE appraisal)
  - Follow up report completed with patient at 15 days after MORE care appointment, if referral is not completed than additional follow up will be completed at 30 days



# **Experience of Care**

1- Patient Processing (Front Office) Experience

Section One (Patient Processing): Breakdown

A dental consent form is returned to CSC for processing.



The returned form is checked to ensure all information is completed and appropriate consent is obtained.



Patient information is entered into to our computer systems (Centricity, Dentrix, and Dexus)



Pre-clinical calls are made for any needed clarification or financial attestation statements.



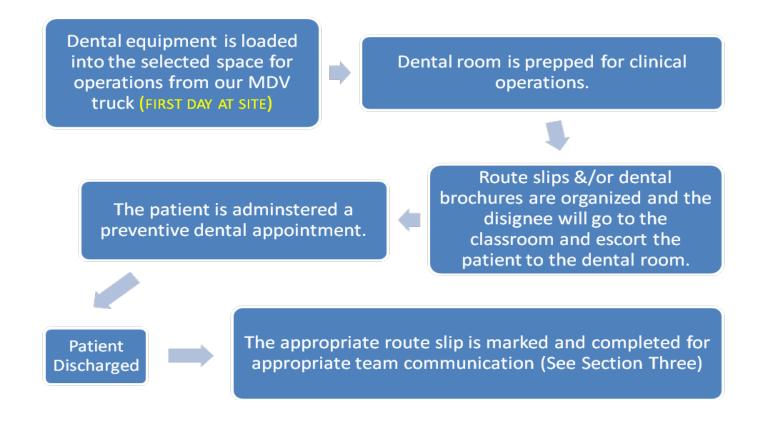
Patient is placed on appropriate Centricity waitlist. The patient is queued for their clinical dental appointment.

\*Mobile Operation



### **Experience of Care**

2- Clinical Care Experience





# **Experience of Care**

3- Patient and Account Management

The appropriate route slip is marked and completed for appropriate team communication

Appointment record is completed.

Charting: Treatment Plan: Ledger
Patient Note is Completed



Program Manager is contacted via email that the daily ledger has been verified anc completed for posting.



in billing by cross checking notes, charting and the final ledger.



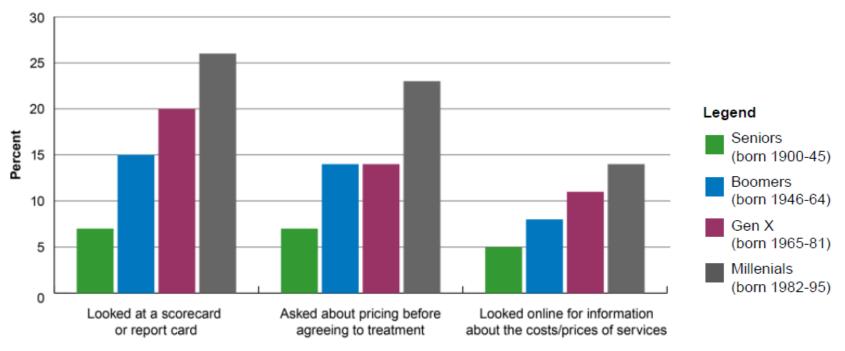
Program Manager or designee will complete the billing process through Accounts Receivable



### Increased Consumerism

#### Looking for Value: Asking About Pricing, Searching for Quality

Which of the following, if any, have you done in the last 12 months?



Source: Deloitte Center for Health Solutions: 2013 Survey of U.S. Healthcare Consumers

# **Media Navigation**

### The "YELP Era"

- In 2010, more than 112,000 individual doctors were reviewed, compared with 2,475 in 2005
- 23% of 2137 adults surveyed for JAMA use rating sites such as Healthgrades, Vitals, RateMDs, and ZocDoc.
- Harvard business school found a one-star drop in a rating can reduce revenue by almost 10%



# **Negative Patient Reviews – Count to 10**

- Responding to online complaints (scripting)
  - "Because of privacy regulations, we can't discuss any specifics about your comments. However, we want you to know that we are committed to providing high quality care and we take your feedback very seriously. [Reducing wait times is one of the most challenging aspects of our practice, so we recently [did what to improve the next patient experience]...]"
  - "We apologize that you had that experience,
     Hulkamania1993. We're committed to providing the best experience possible for people, so please call our office and we (Dr. Smith) will personally make this right."



# Prevention is always best!

- Patient priorities for favorable experiences:
  - Anesthetic injection is the #1 way dentists are judged clinically
  - Cleanliness
    - 2/5 of parents are more likely to ask about sterilization practices since national reports of infection transmission in dental offices
  - Wait times
    - National average wait times for dental care ≈12-15 minutes
    - Wait times directly effect perception of care
  - Additional areas:
    - Parking
    - Clinical summaries
    - Billing/Collections



### **Patient Satisfaction Evaluation Tools**

- Subjective patient outcomes can be assessed with validated patient surveys
  - Oral Health Impact Profile (OHIP-14)
    - These surveys measure a patient's own perception of the effect of care on their oral health status.
    - Considered an augmentation to the OHC's current patient satisfaction review process
      - NEED BOTH TOOLS
- Can outsource data collection and reporting
  - Multitude of companies that work with individual institutions to obtain patient experience information



### **OHIP-14**

DIMENSION	Question
Functional limitation	Have you had trouble pronouncing any words because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
	Have you felt that your sense of taste has worsened because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
Physical pain	Have you had painful aching in your mouth? Have you found it uncomfortable to eat any foods because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
Psychological discomfort	Have you been self-conscious because of your teeth, mouth or dentures?
	Have you felt tense because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
Physical disability	Has your diet been unsatisfactory because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
	Have you had to interrupt meals because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
Psychological disability	Have you found it difficult to relax because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
	Have you been a bit embarrassed because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
Social disability	Have you been a bit irritable with other people because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
	Have you had difficulty doing your usual jobs because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
Handicap	Have you felt that life in general was less satisfying because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
	Have you been totally unable to function because of problems with your teeth, mouth or dentures?
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### **Population Health and Better Outcomes**

### Population health

- Identifies target (at risk) populations
  - Includes outcomes, patterns of determinants, and policies and procedures that involve the aforementioned
  - Opportunity for health care delivery systems, public health agencies, community-based organizations, and many other entities to work together

### Pediatric

- Majority of innovation focused on children
- Dental financial system in U.S. leans toward pediatric care

### Adult

- Usually organized according to systemic illness
  - Primary diagnosis
  - Limited intervention models being evaluated
  - Research on systemic / oral health linkage not resulted in consensus



### **Organizing Populations for Care**



#### miles of smiles pediatric clinic

Provides comprehensive dental care to children 18 years of age and younger throughout the Pee Dee Region. (Includes comprehensive emergency care.)

#### oral health diabetic clinic

Provides oral health care and education to patients diagnosed with diabetes or considered pre-diabetic currently being treated at CareSouth Carolina.

#### oral health cardiovascular clinic

Provides oral health care and education to patients diagnosed with CVD or considered pre-CVD currently being treated at CSC.

#### ryan white dental care clinic

CareSouth Carolina HIV/AIDS integrated dental medicine clinic.

#### persons with special healthcare needs dental clinic

Through partnerships and affiliation with individual county boards of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs to provide oral health services.

#### adult dental care cooperative — dental clinic

Provides comprehensive dental care to adults within our contracted system.

#### adult oral emergency clinic

Provides a referral base to CareSouth Carolina health providers for their patients in need of dental services.



### **Healthcare and Business Opportunities**

- Improving Care Outcomes (EARLY DETECTION AND INTERVENTION)
  - Engstrom et al. found that dental based blood pressure screening was efficient & effective for detecting unknown hypertension
    - 1 out of every 18 screened had confirmed hypertension.
  - 1 in 4 people with type II diabetes that remains undiagnosed
    - Bossart et al. found that 34% (N = 17) presented with positive screening for prediabetes or type II diabetes with dental screening

### The Business Case:

- Financial impact under the ACA
- Cascade effect
- Assists in improving UDS numbers (monitoring and screening)
  - Increases access and improves total institution encounter numbers



### What is Quality Assurance, Really?

- Quality assurance (QA) contains the progression of:
  - Quality assessment (measurement),
  - Identification of issues,
  - Developing a strategy for resolving problems,
  - Implementation of changes.



### What do you measure, right now?

- Gross Charges
- Net Revenue
- Expenses
- Number of visits
- Revenue per visit
- Cost per visit
- # of Unduplicated Patients
- # of New Patients
- # of Transactions
- Broken Appointment Rate
- Emergency Rate



- Payer Mix Percentages
- Scope of Service
- # FTE Providers
- # FTE Billing Staff
- A/R past 90 days
- # of Completed Treatments
- # of children receiving sealants (under 21)
- # of sealants applied
- % Children seen receiving a preventive service



# The P&L report

	Fiscal YTD	May 31, 2013	April 30, 2013	March 31, 2013	Fe	bruary 28,
Fringe Benefits	\$ 71,458	\$ 5,068	6,898	4,782		5,
Travel	\$ 623	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ 66	\$	
Supplies	\$ 29,127	\$ 1,644	\$ 5,611	\$ 2,186	\$	9,
Contractual	\$ 2,174	\$ -	\$ (63)	\$ -	\$	
Other	\$ 27,718	\$ 1,819	\$ 2,695	2,435	\$	2,
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 468,290	\$ 36,738	\$ 47,604	\$ 38,900	\$	44,
NET INCOME	\$97,237	\$ 38,382	\$ 1,939	\$ 21,591	\$	14,
Patients	2,486	223	302	204		
Cost per Patient	\$ 188.37	\$ 164.74	\$ 157.63	\$ 190.69	\$	199
Encounters	3,957	413	505	397		
Cost per Encounter	\$ 118.34	\$ 88.95	\$ 94.27	\$ 97.98	\$	111
Encounter / Patient	1.59	1.85	1.67	1.95		
Revenue per Patient	\$ 227.48	\$ 336.86	\$ 164.05	\$ 296.52	\$	260
Revenue per Encounter	\$ 134.02	\$ 125.60	\$ 94.15	\$ 147.34	\$	143
Charges	\$ 1,072,385	\$ 100,452	\$ 124,359	118,997	\$	111,
Actual Collections	\$ 598,332	\$ 56,957	\$ 76,806	\$ 71,809	\$	64,
As of date	30-Jun-14	30-Jun-14	9-Jun-14	8-May-14		17-Ap
% Collected	55.79%	56.70%	61.76%	60.35%		57.
Profit / Loss	\$ 130,042	\$ 20,219.00	\$ 29,202.00	\$ 32,909.00	\$	19,402



# **Reports and Summaries**

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### **Production Summary**

6/1/2013 - 5/31/2014 Procedure Date Clinics: <ALL> Provider: <ALL> Billing Types: <ALL>

Report Date: 6/2/2014	Report	Generated By: RILEY/	erated By: RILEYA					
	Quantity	Total	Average	Percent				
EVTUNCP - Uncooperative pt - first	visit							
Total	4	0.00	0.00	0.00%				
EVTUNCP2 - Uncooperative Pt - second visit								
Total	3	0.00	0.00	0.00%				
EVTUNCP3 - Uncooperative Pt - thir	d visit							
Total	1	0.00	0.00	0.00%				



### **Practice Implications**

- There should always be a measurement plan
  - DO NOT MEASURE JUST TO MEASURE
- What outcome or goal are we trying to achieve?
  - What information is going create knowledge?
- The goal is to achieve practice translation!





# **Example: Sealant Retention Rates**

- Wide range of sealant retention rates reported (45-85%).
  - A 52.7% retention rate was found with school based placement on children from low income backgrounds
- Identified variables include:
  - Patient cooperation
  - Isolation techniques
  - Age of patient
  - Operator experience
  - Tooth location
  - Field of view
  - Number of operators



### **Quality Application/ Practice Translation**

- Even though retention was at approx. 85%: the clinic felt a need to address is loss of sealant
- Replace each sealant that is lost (3 year maintenance)
  - Increase time
  - Cost of materials
  - Caries susceptibility
  - Lost revenue
- Next step is to identify variables & possible issues to improve these percentages
  - Manually looked at patient base overweight/obese patients made up approximately 50% of patient's with lost sealants in first year
    - PRACTICE TRANSLATION— patients that fit Obese/OW status when possible have team to place sealants



# **Cost Effective Care**

A Boston Children's Hospital ECC management endeavor reports drops in operating

room use, new cavity occurrences, and pain experience (figure below). Improvement % Achieved

A Boston Children's Floor Toom use, new cavity occurrences, and penalized Rate Target Control			Rate Achieved	Acmedica	
room use, new cavity	Historical	Rate Target		55%	
00111	Control	16%	9%	69%	
	20%		22%	50%	
Operating Room Utilization	72%	48%	10%		
Operating Route	20%	10%			
New Carri	2011				
New Cavitation Pain	20%				

SCREENING FOR CHRONIC DISEASES IN DENTAL OFFICES COULD REDUCE U.S. HEALTH CARE COSTS BY ...





### **United Concordia Medical-Dental Link**

#### Impact of Periodontal Therapy on General Health Evidence from Insurance Data for Five Systemic Conditions

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Background: Treatment of periodontal (gum) disease may lessen the adverse consequences of some chronic systemic conditions.

Purpose: To estimate the effects of periodontal therapy on medical costs and hospitalizations among individuals with diagnosed type 2 diabetes (T2D); coronary artery disease (CAD); cerebral vascular disease (CVD); rheumatoid arthritis (RA); and pregnancy in a retrospective observational

Methods: Insurance claims data from 338,891 individuals with both medical and dental insurance coverage were analyzed in 2011-2013. Inclusion criteria were (1) a diagnosis of at least one of the five specified systemic conditions and (2) evidence of periodontal disease. Subjects were categorized according to whether they had completed treatment for periodontal disease in the baseline year, 2005. Outcomes were (1) total allowed medical costs and (2) number of hospitalizations, per subscriber per year, in 2005-2009. Except in the case of pregnancy, outcomes were aggregated without regard to reported cause. Individuals who were treated and untreated for periodontal disease were compared independently for the two outcomes and five systemic conditions using ANCOVA; age, gender, and T2D status were covariates.

Results: Statistically significant reductions in both outcomes (p<0.05) were found for T2D, CVD, CAD, and pregnancy, for which costs were lower by 40.2%, 40.9%, 10.7%, and 73.7%, respectively: results for hospital admissions were comparable. No treatment effect was observed in the RA cohorts.

Conclusions: These cost-based results provide new, independent, and potentially valuable evidence that simple, noninvasive periodontal therapy may improve health outcomes in pregnancy and other systemic conditions.

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#### Introduction

here is a growing body of evidence that periodontal (gum) disease is associated with negative systemic health consequences for individuals with certain diseases and conditions. To the extent that this is true, it is reasonable to expect that successful treatment of periodontal disease might prevent or mitigate at least some adverse effects associated with

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medical conditions such as type 2 diabetes (T2D); rheumatoid arthritis (RA); cerebral vascular disease (CVD); and adverse pregnancy outcomes.

Direct confirmation of such links generally poses formidable difficulties arising from the long time course of chronic disease, the complex and multifactorial nature of the medical outcomes, and the ethical issues surrounding controlled clinical trials. Nevertheless, the potential preventive value of such a simple and low-risk intervention as dental hygiene in the management of patients with serious medical conditions justifies efforts to determine whether, and to what degree, a causal link exists.

Periodontal disease is a chronic inflammatory disease in which a pathogenic bacterial biofilm develops on the tooth root surface in a susceptible patient. If untreated, it can lead to alveolar bone resorption, infection, and tooth loss. It has been suggested that periodontal disease may also have an impact on systemic health via dissemination

### **Treating Gum Disease Means Lower Annual Medical Costs** \$1,090 \$2,433 \$2,840 (73.7%)(40.2%)\$5,681 Significant annual cost savings are possible when individuals with certain chronic diseases (diabetes, cerebral vascular disease, or coronary heart disease), or who were pregnant, received dental treatment for their gum disease, after accounting for the effect of diabetes.



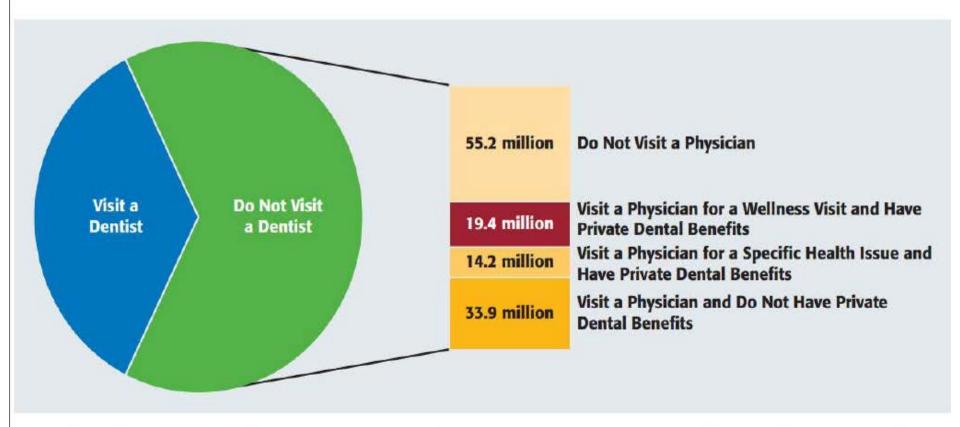
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Source: Jeffcoat, M., et. al., Periodontal Therapy Improves Outcomes in Systemic Conditions,

Abstract, American Association of Dental Research, March 21, 2014



### Increased Care Coordination: 50 New Patients



**Figure.** Breakdown of the US adult population (aged 19-64 years) by whether they visit a dentist or physician during the year and whether they have dental benefits. Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 17



# **Clinician Experience**







# **NNOHA Provider Satisfaction Survey**

- Many intangible factors play roles in determining the providers' satisfaction in their career.
  - The number one reason for choosing the Health Center career indicated among dentists and dental hygienists was that they "Felt a mission to the dentally underserved population."
- While some of the factors contributing to provider dissatisfaction are pre-existing, others are adjustable.
  - Daily work environment profession's personality is detail oriented and controlling ©
  - Reporting structure
  - Salary (majority of FQHC dentists report: \$95,000 \$125,000)
  - Benefits such as vacation time, paid holidays, tax-advantaged retirement plans

# **FTE - Positive Time Management**

- Blue et al. (2013): Expanded duty hygienists and assistants are underutilized according to maximum legal ability, although they have a positive impact on dental care quality.
- FTE (Full time equivalent hours worked by an employee)
   positive time management includes placement and usage of
   personnel according to highest level of licensure/training
  - Core of this methodology: optimizing the time of the most costly (and usually most profitable) provider
  - Many safety net dental and group practice models have adopted this prototype, resulting in improved capacity, patient satisfaction and happier clinicians



### Shifts in Place of Service

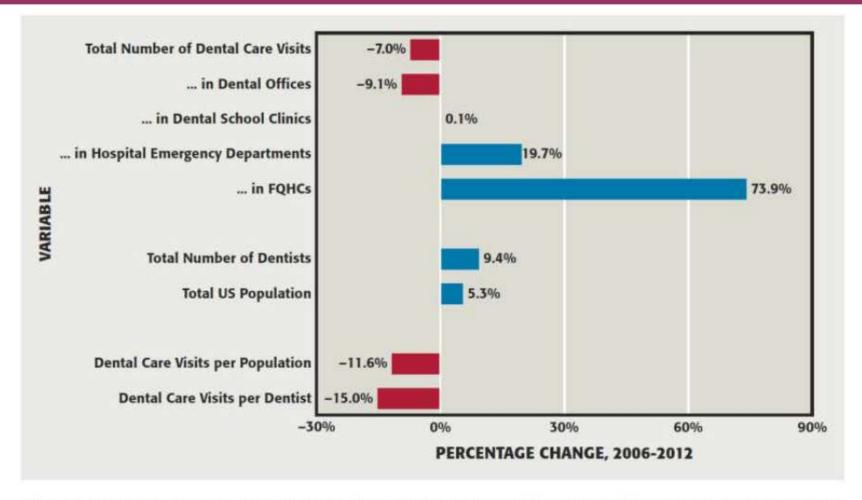


Figure. Changes in dental care visits, number of dentists, and US population from 2006 to 2012. FQHC: Federally Qualified Health Center. Sources: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 1.2 Health Resources and Services Administration, 3 American Dental Association Health Policy Institute, 4.5 and the US Census Bureau. 6



# Questions?

