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Integrating Oral
Health and
Primary Care: A
Co-located
Dental
Hygienist Model

Background

- Becky Pape recognized in 2011 there was a high use of the hospital's ED for dental.
- Approximately 1,500 visits a year to ED.
- Recommendation from Benton, Lincoln, and Linn counties Regional Oral Health Coalition to implement a voucher system.
- Capitol Dental Care's involvement



Sweet Home Family Medicine
First project of it's kind here in
Oregon

- Many eyes are watching!
- Expanded to Samaritan Family Medicine – Brownsville
- Next site Mid-Valley Medical - Lebanon



Why Integrate?:

- Poor oral health has been linked to increased risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other chronic conditions.
- Poor oral health exacerbates other underlying chronic diseases.
- Poor oral health in children has been shown to result in decreased academic performance and can adversely affect behavioral and social development. (Pew Center on the States 2011a)

The Case for Integration:

- Definition of “Health Home”
- Premise that proximity will enhance access to necessary services. Expand entry points into the dental care system.
- Focus on prevention of disease.
- Improve chronic disease management and prevention.

Model: Colocation of Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist into Primary Care

- EPDH's in Oregon, may provide dental hygiene services without the supervision of a dentist.
- EPDH's with a collaborative agreement with a dentist may provide additional duties such as local anesthesia, limited prescriptive services, dental needs assessment and temporary restoration without excavation.

What will we be doing here?

- Free dental screenings for all patients
- Hygiene services for most patients “in house” - periodontal assessments, caries (cavity) management, cleanings, education
- In some co-location sites urgent Care/Restorative/Extractions on dental van one day per week

When are we here?

- Monday – Friday from 8am to 5pm
- Room used for dental may change depending on if the co-location site has a dedicated room for dental or the EPDH is rotating to an available exam room when medical providers are not using it.)

What do we need from you?

- Buy-in that oral health is an important part of overall health.
- A commitment to integrating an oral health provider as a member of the primary care health team.
- A willingness to walk your patient to the dental room for a warm hand off dental assessment.



Target populations:

- **Young children** would receive prevention services as part of routine well child check.
- **Pregnant women** would have dental treatment needs addressed prior to delivery.
- **Chronic disease patients** would receive prevention services as part of their comprehensive care plan



- Questions?