

Working with Certified PAs to Put the Mouth Back in the Body from Education to Practice

CME

Need 8.0 free Category 1 CME credits? [Smiles for Life](#) provides the knowledge and skills for oral health across the lifespan. Plus, the **Smiles for Life app** (Apple iTunes & Google Play) offers resources at your fingertips.



Also available:

- Drop-in lectures and customizable slide decks
- Interactive games
- Patient materials
- Practice tools
- National guidelines and more!

Grants

Seed Your Efforts. The nccPA Health Foundation offers two [oral health grant opportunities](#): Up to \$3,000 for **integration** of oral health into your curriculum or practice and up to \$1,000 for oral health **community outreach**.

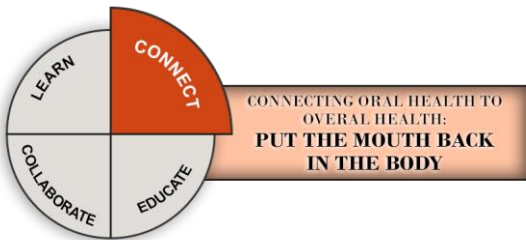


Ohio University



MEDEX, Washington

Videos



Tell a story. The nccPA Health Foundation's interprofessional [video series](#) encourages PAs to **learn** about oral health, **connect** oral health to overall health, **collaborate** with the care team, and **educate** patients for better self-care.

Tools

Use the [Qualis Health Oral Health Delivery Framework](#) to start integrating oral health with just five steps.



Competencies

PAs participated with members of the healthcare team and the **Health Resources and Services Administration** in the development of [oral health competencies](#). HRSA also identified PAs as providers who could bridge system gaps by implementing these competencies.

Risk Assessment

Evaluation

Preventive Intervention

Communication & Education

Interprofessional Practice

The **PA Leadership Initiative in Oral Health** partners PA organizations with PA and interprofessional champions to promote oral health in PA practice. These efforts were initially supported by the **National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health (NIIOH)** and its funders.

Oral Health Resources

[Smiles for Life Oral Health Curriculum](#)

8 modules for teaching oral health across the lifespan with free CME credit many health professionals. Also available print media, iPhone and Android app, videos, and instructional tools.

[Oral Health in America: Advances & Challenges](#)

NIH & NIDCR: 20-year follow-up to the seminal [Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General](#) to reflect on progress made and outline plans to address ongoing disparities in inequalities in oral health care.

[Primary Care Collaborative](#)

Resources, including [Innovations in Oral Health and Primary Care Integration](#).

[Veteran Oral Health: Expanding Access and Equity](#)

American Institute of Dental Public Health and the CareQuest Institute: White paper examines veterans' oral health needs and highlights access to care.

[Oral Health, Mental Health, and Substance Use Treatment](#)

National Council for Mental Health Well Being and Bowling Business Strategies: Framework outlines opportunities for better coordination and integration of oral health, mental health, and substance use treatment services.

[National Maternal Child Oral Health Resource Center](#)

[Consensus statement](#) on oral health care for pregnant women.

[Brochures](#) address importance of oral hygiene and oral health care during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. New materials address COVID-19 and oral health. Appropriate for all audiences, literacy levels.

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

Oral health education, training, practice tools advocacy, as well as family resources.

[Recommendations](#) for preventive pediatric health care, [coding fact sheet](#) and a [campaign toolkit targeting new moms](#).

[American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry](#)

Educational resources for children and families and a Find-A-Pediatric-Dentist search engine.

[Delta Dental Oral Health Library](#)

Educational and activity resources.

[Head Start Healthy Habits for Happy Smiles](#)

Series of handouts with simple tips on oral health issues for pregnant women and parents of young children. Handouts available in English, Spanish.

[American Dental Association \(ADA\) Mouth Healthy](#)

Information for the public and the ADA Find-A-Dentist & Give Kids a Smile programs.

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Oral Health](#)

Information on oral health basics, community water fluoridation, publications, and state-based oral health programs.

[Oral Health Delivery Framework](#)

Qualis Health: Five-step process for oral health practice integration.

[Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care Practice](#)

HRSA: Five competencies for oral health integration in primary care practice.

[Physical Exam: HEENT to HEENOT](#)

[OHNEP](#): Educational and clinical innovation transitioning the traditional HEENT examination to include the teeth, gums, mucosa, tongue, and palate examination (HEENOT) for assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of oral-systemic health.

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Interprofessional [video series](#) and additional [tools & resources](#). Plus, PA-led grant funding: Apply for community outreach (\$1,000) or education or practice integration [grants](#) (\$3,000).

