

# DENTAQUEST PARTNERSHIP NEWS

## 2018 Impact Report

We're pleased to announce the release of the [2018 DentaQuest Impact Report](#). The report highlights much of the work done by the DentaQuest Impact Group, DentaQuest Institute, DentaQuest Foundation and many of our partners throughout 2018. Earlier this year, we took bold steps to integrate the DentaQuest Institute and DentaQuest Foundation by launching the [DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement](#). Creating the DentaQuest Partnership has better positioned us to ensure that we have the greatest impact in our key areas of focus:

- Pursue person-centered care models through medical-dental integration and value-based transformation
- Advance a single, national oral health measurement system
- Advocate for a public adult dental benefit to expand access



## PERSON-CENTERED CARE

### PCPCC Webinar: Putting the Mouth Back in the Body | March 21

The Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC) will be hosting a webinar, [Putting the Mouth Back in the Body](#), on March 21 at 3 p.m. ET on the topic of interprofessional practice. Several organizations, including the DentaQuest Partnership, will discuss efforts to improve the integration between oral health and primary care, share their experiences with the associated challenges, and present opportunities that this integration will create to improve health.

### DQ Partnership Grantees Release New Issue Brief about Virtual Dental Homes in California

The Children's Partnership and University of Pacific jointly released an issue brief entitled "[From Pilot to Systems Change: Integrating the Virtual Dental Home into California's System of Oral Health Care for Children](#)." This report documents the success of the Virtual Dental Home (VDH) efforts in California, summarizes the evolution of policies that have supported the spread of the VDH model throughout California and discusses what is needed to integrate VDH into California's dental care delivery system.

### Advancing Health Justice: Building a Health System that Works for Everyone

A new report by DentaQuest Partnership grantee Community Catalyst makes the case for an agenda to improve the health of the American people, including focusing advocacy efforts on state and local government; strengthening coverage and quality and addressing

social determinants of health; and building a more diverse health justice movement. [Click here](#) to access the full report.



## ADULT DENTAL BENEFIT

### Medicare Dental Benefit Will Improve Health and Reduce Health Care Costs

The DentaQuest Partnership's Executive Director of Grant Strategy, Dr. Michael Monopoli, recently co-authored an editorial in the Health Affairs Blog entitled, "[Medicare Dental Benefit Will Improve Health and Reduce Health Care Costs](#)." The article summarizes the need for a dental benefit in Medicare and highlights existing advocacy efforts that are paving the way for further progress.



## NATIONAL MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

### Continuing Education Webinar: Measurement - It's How We Know | March 28

The DentaQuest Partnership is excited to announce our first continuing education webinar of the year! These webinars will be hosted monthly and offer an opportunity for participants to learn more about the work that is happening in our key focus areas. On March 28, the DentaQuest Partnership will discuss how we've applied quality improvement and measurement to caries management, and how your dental practice can begin implementing some of these strategies to help monitor outcomes among your patient population.

#### Measurement: It's How We Know

Thursday, March 28 | 1-2 p.m. ET

[Click here](#) for more information and to register  
1 CE credit available

**Presenter:** Cindy Hannon, MSW, Measurement Systems Director, DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement

## INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Workforce & Staffing: Utilizing Your Resources to Fulfill Your Mission | March 20

The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) is offering a free webinar series on the Fundamentals of a Health Center for non-clinical dental leadership. The next webinar, [Workforce & Staffing: Utilizing Your Resources to Fulfill Your Mission](#), will take place on March 20 at 4 p.m. ET. This webinar will focus on workforce and staffing of a health center dental program. The results of the 2018 NNOHA Workforce Survey will be reviewed, and innovative strategies for workforce development and staffing will be shared by speakers Nick Pfannensteil, DDS, and Tena Springer, RDH.

### National Public Health Week | April 1-7

National Public Health Week is less than a month away. The American Public Health Association has a variety of tools that can help you get engaged in the celebration. Visit the [National Public Health Week](#) website to learn more.

### **Oral Health Care for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders | April 11**

The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) and The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) have partnered to offer [this webinar](#) on oral health care and oral health outcomes for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders (AA&NHPIs). Participants will learn about chronic disease prevalence, oral health status and access to health care for this population, and Asian Health Services' Dr. Huong Le will also present on their experience in providing oral health care for AA&NHPIs.

### **2019 National Oral Health Conference | April 15-17**

The DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement is excited to host a booth at the upcoming [National Oral Health Conference](#) in Memphis, Tennessee April 15-17! This event is the premiere venue for collaborating to improve the oral health of the public, with sessions focused on research, policy, programs, education and community-based care. In addition to hosting a booth, the DentaQuest Partnership will also highlight some of our work through the following activities:

- Poster Presentation – Opioid Overdose Deaths and Emergency Department Visits for Dental Conditions in Maryland
- Roundtable – Laying the Groundwork for Oral Health Value-based Care
- National Roundtable – OPENing Doors for Equitable Health Outcomes
- Plenary Address – Improving Rural Oral Health: What Difference Would It Make!
- Oral health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN) Meeting and Reception

We look forward to connecting with you in Memphis and continuing to work together to ensure optimal oral health for all!

### **2019 CAMBRA Coalition Conference | August 15-16**

The [2019 CAMBRA Coalition Conference](#) will be August 15-16 in Denver, Colorado. The agenda is still being finalized, but topics may include current efforts in hygiene education and standardized cariology curriculum, caries detection systems, new ADA Guidelines and interprofessional collaboration.

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