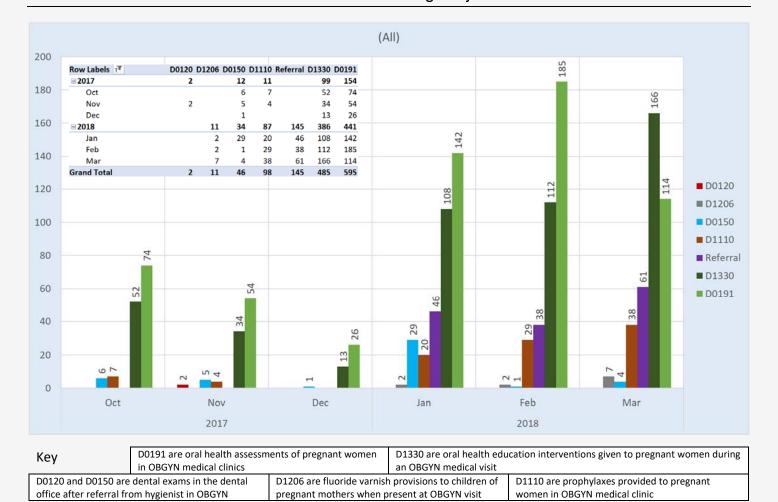
# Maternal and Infant Oral Health Mid-Year Data Report

Chart: Provision of Care through Project to Date



### Narrative: Provision of Care through Project to Date

- 2017 data<sup>1</sup> are primarily from a single model site (Grace Health) who were subcontracted consultants on project
- 2018 January data include a second site (InterCare) who opened a new OBGYN building clinic that month
- 2018 February data are an example of five fully functioning sites

#### Limitations

- Two codes, D1330 (pt. education) and Referral, aren't reimbursed; entering those code is new to sites' workflow
  Most, if not all, sites provide some of the data via a hand-count especially for D1330 and Referrals
- **Different personnel** have provided different numbers<sup>2</sup> for same month at same site; for example:

Data provided in 2018 February							Data provided in 2018 March					
Row Labels	D0120 D	1110 D	0150	01330	00191 Gra	Row Labels	D0191 Grand Total					
2017	2	11	12	99	149	273	2017	54	54			
Oct		7	6	52	74	139	Oct	22	22			
Nov	2	4	5	34	54	99	Nov	23	23			
Dec			1	13	21	35	Dec	9	9			
2018		1	4	97	143	245	2018	53	53			
Jan			3	40	78	121	Jan	20	20			
Feb		1	1	28	65	95	Feb	20	20			
Mar				29		29	Mar	13	13			
Grand Total	2	12	16	196	292	518	Grand Total	107	107			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Second site (Great Lakes Bay) contributed n=5 assessments in 2017 December

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> We will, of course, verify all the data by the end of the project!

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**Lessons Learned: Implementation** 

#### **STRENGTHS**

- Forming a network of clinics allows personnel to share best practices
  - o Sites suggested workflow (e.g. room flags) and outreach (e.g. posters) ideas to improve program
- Motivated personnel, e.g. "Champions," establish culture and normalize oral health in medical clinic
- Shifting perspective to *family as a unit of care* increases provision of preventive measures to mothers, infants, and other family members when program is expanded to OBGYN, PED, FM, and even schools in community

#### **BARRIERS**

- The commonly known barriers to medical-dental integration (MDI) are evident in this project, especially:
  - Integration: EDR/EHR don't "talk to" each other; medical and dental clinics have different coding
  - Staff Turnover: Hiring, training, and placing hygienists is difficult as is keeping personnel in place
  - o Reimbursement: Sites are not reimbursed for some interventions and have difficulty coding those

### Budget

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
Salary & Wages	\$ 3,399.99	\$ 6,961.52	\$ 12,153.84	\$ 12,846.15	\$ 12,153.84	\$ 18,230.76	\$ 12,153.84
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,156.00	\$ 2,366.92	\$ 4,132.30	\$ 4,367.71	\$ 4,132.30	\$ 6,198.45	\$ 4,367.71
Travel	\$ -	\$ 107.42	\$ 191.46	\$ -	\$ 332.62	\$ 1,986.05	\$ 2,285.10
Supplies & Materials	\$ -	\$ 962.77	\$ -	\$ 17,064.04	\$ 1,404.50	\$ -	\$ 1,875.89
Contractual	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,971.60	\$ 37,394.14
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 23,979.63	\$ -	\$ 77,850.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expense	\$ -	\$ 198.93	\$ 196.21	\$ 226.00	\$ 226.00	\$ -	\$ -
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Month Spent	\$ 4,555.99	\$ 34,577.19	\$ 16,673.81	\$ 112,354.21	\$ 18,249.26	\$ 71,386.86	\$ 58,076.68
Budget Remainder	\$ 964,844.01	\$ 930,266.82	\$ 913,593.01	\$ 801,238.80	\$ 782,989.54	\$ 711,602.68	\$ 653,526.00
Budget Spent to Date	\$ 4,555.99	\$ 39,133.18	\$ 55,806.99	\$ 168,161.20	\$ 186,410.46	\$ 257,797.32	\$ 315,874.00

#### Conclusion

Reaching pregnant mothers with oral health care, education, and referrals to a dentist through interventions during OBGYN clinical visits can be an effective quality improvement (QI) project when implemented properly. The Maternal and Infant Oral Health Initiative was an implementation study to test the feasibility and function of a medical-dental integration (MDI) program. Public health measures and health outcomes are outside the scope of this study.

Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH) are ideal personnel for an MDI program because they can promote oral health to both patients and medical clinic staff. This study placed an RDH in an OBGYN clinic and measured provision rates of oral health preventive care, patient education, and referrals to a dentist.

By mid-year, care was recorded as provided to **595 patients** at 6 pilot sites with a budget spent of \$257,797, costing about \$433/patient seen. The cost-per-patient will decrease significantly as the program continues because of the diminishing costs, i.e. upfront equipment. Financial sustainability depends equitable, available reimbursement.

Creating a network of motivated MDI clinicians will allow for sharing of best practices. Considering families as units-of-care will increase opportunities to reach patients in under-served areas.

