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Submission Details

Session Title

Michigan Initiative for Maternal and Infant Oral Health

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Session Topic

Integrating Oral Health to Overall Health w/ focus on pregnancy, diabetes, HIV, cardiovascular, etc.

Session Type

Flexible

Session Description

The Michigan Initiative for Maternal and Infant Oral Health is a grant-funded effort that places a registered dental hygienist (RDH) in an OBGYN medical clinic to provide oral health care to pregnant mothers. The project leveraged prior work that trained pediatricians how to apply fluoride varnish to the teeth of children ages 0-3 years old. Both programs are aimed at reducing disparities in the prevalence of early childhood caries, the disease that causes cavities, among under-served children who display multiple risk factors. Both projects involve medical-dental integration (MDI) at federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and deliver patient education to children and their families. This session adds a life course perspective to the application of inter-professional care. Attendees will gain new knowledge about how to integrate oral health care within medical clinic visits for patients at various points in life during their earliest medical visits. We will present a case study covering 6 pilot sites across Michigan where an RDH was integrated into OBGYN patient workflow. While many medical practitioners know that oral health care is important to overall health, few understand how to implement an interdisciplinary program in their clinic. This session will provide results from Year 1 of care provided through the Michigan Initiative for Maternal and Infant Oral Health and will give participants practical information to begin medical-dental integration at OBGYN, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, and other primary care clinics.

Learning Objectives (enter 2-4 as a bulleted list)

1. As a result of attending this session, participants will know how to launch a medical-dental integration program at their primary care clinic.
2. As a result of attending this session, participants will understand the importance of providing oral health care at various stages during the life course.
3. As a result of attending this session, participants will have current MDI data to make informed decisions and tools that can be adapted to a variety of clinical settings.

Please provide a 2,000 character summary of your session for publicity purposes.

The purpose of the Michigan Initiative for Maternal and Infant Oral Health is to improve oral health of mothers and children in under-served areas. The grant-funded effort began as a 1-year project at 6 pilot sites. The initial aim was to examine the feasibility and impact of placing a registered dental hygienist within an OBGYN medical clinic. While the approach was an important first step toward reaching patients in the inaugural year, it was essential to strategically plan a more robust sustainable model while concurrently building the new program. During the first 6 months of the project, our first 5 active pilot sites reported seeing 485 pregnant patients, measured through Patient Education provision (D1330). Of those, 85% received an Oral Assessment (D0191) and 30% were referred to a dentist. This project is a coordinated partnership involving the University of Detroit Mercy, the MDHHS Oral Health Program, and the Michigan Primary Care Association. Grace Health (Battle Creek, MI) was our model site and clinical consultants to five other pilot sites located in Bay City, Benton Harbor, Muskegon, Lansing, and the Upper Peninsula. Our goal is to improve oral health outcomes for mothers and infants through quality medical-dental integration.

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