Healthy Aging in the Years to Come: Will Oral Health Be a Consideration?

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National Coalition Consensus Conference: Oral Health of Vulnerable Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities
Recommendations and Next Steps

Meanwhile, "back at the ranch..."
ADA and Elder Oral Health Care

- 2006 - Task Force Report
  "shoring up the oral health care system and profession’s readiness for meeting the oral health needs of vulnerable elders"
- Vulnerable Elderly Resolution
  26 initiatives: education, advocacy, research

ADA 11 Councils

- Council on Access, Prevention, and Interprofessional Relations
- CAPIR

National Elder Care Advisory Committee (NECAC)

- Subcommittee (NECAC) created
- Advise CAPIR/ADA
- Composition
  - Dentists with geriatric/special needs focus*
  - Long-term care industry
  - Geriatrician

* Special Care Dentistry Association members
Oral Health of Vulnerable Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities

To establish a broad and sustainable coalition of stakeholders committed to improving oral health of older adults and persons with disabilities.

Conference structure: November 17, 2010

1. Speakers (5)
2. Reactors
3. Group discussion (8-9)

Conference topics

The Expanding Population of Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities
Presenter: Chester Douglass, DMD, PhD
Reactor: Jonathan Musher, MD, CMD

Medical Consideration in the Oral Health of Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities
Presenter: Douglas Berkey, DMD, MPH, MS
Reactor: Sarah Crane, MD

PowerPoint presentations available:
www.ada.org/nccc
Conference topics

Oral Health Delivery Systems
Presenter: Michael Helgeson, DDS
Reactor: David Fray, DDS, MBA

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Conference topics

Professional Education
Presenter: Teresa Dolan, DDS, MPH
Reactor: Paul Mulhausen, MD, MHS

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Conference topics

Policy Implications for Improving Oral Health for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities
Presenter: Burton Edelstein, DDS, MPH
Reactor: Robyn Stone, DrPH

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November 18, 2011

• Core Group
  – Organizers
  – Presenters
  – Reactors
  – Key stakeholders

• Considered input & consolidated recommendations

National Coalition Consensus Conference

“Speaking together with other organizations, we can find new ways to lift the oral health needs of the vulnerable elderly and disabled populations out of the shadows.”
    —Raymond Gist, DDS
    President, American Dental Association

About the conference...

• Open communication was encouraged
• 100’s of recommendations and comments
• Compilation will be on the website
  www.ada.org/nccc
Sneak preview

• Note: Recommendations that follow reflect the opinions of the individual participants and are not to be taken as the views of the American Dental Association or any other participating organization.
• Proceedings will contain all recommendations with a notice explaining that it is a record of proceedings and does not reflect ADA policy unless expressly stated.

Conference Participant Recommendations

• National coalition launched – with a focused, specific, strategic plan

Conference Participant Recommendations

• Support the development of dental diagnostic codes (diagnostic and treatment)

Conference Participant Recommendations

• Education –Professions
  – Should there be a specialty of Special Care Dentistry?

Conference Participant Recommendations

• Education –Post doctoral education
• Second year with special care focus in
  – General Practice Residency
  – Advanced General Dentistry

Conference Participant Recommendations

• Education –Other health professions
  – Urge the incorporation of oral health content into medical, nursing, etc. education
Conference Participant Recommendations

- Support Special Care Dentistry Act

Special Care Dentistry Act

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide oral health services to aged, blind, or disabled individuals under the Medicaid Program…
- 100% FMAP
- $600-900 million price tag
- 2011 introduction Congressman Eliot Engel

Special Care Dentistry Act: State Dental Association Support

- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York State
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Washington State
- Wisconsin

Special Care Dentistry Act: Other support

- Academy of General Dentistry
- American Association of Dental Editors
- American Assn of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
- American Academy of Periodontology
- American Association of Dental Boards
- American Assn Public Health Dentistry
- American Dental Education Association
- American Assn Public Health Dentistry
- American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists
- Special Care Dentistry Association
- Special Olympics
- The Nat’l Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care

Looking ahead…

- Next steps in coalition building
  - Structure
  - Players
  - Establishing an agenda

- Broad dissemination of recommendations
  - www.ada.org/nccc
  - Publications