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- Chartered by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863

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- National Academy of Sciences
- National Academy of Engineering
- National Research Council
- Institute of Medicine (1970)
IOM Reports

- **Dental Education at the Crossroads (1995)**
  - Controversial
  - Improve access to care for underserved
  - NHSC preparation
  - Modernize courses
  - Medically based models of care
  - Integrate basic sciences with medical education
  - Future shortage of dentists
  - Among many others
Improving Access to Oral Health Care for Vulnerable and Underserved Populations

• **Statement of Task**
  - Assess the current U.S. oral health system of care
  - Explore strengths, weaknesses and challenges
  - Describe a desired vision for improvement including public, private, and safety net sources
  - Recommend strategies to achieve the vision
Recommendations Pertinent to Education, cont’d

- Increase recruitment of URM and rural students
- Develop a set of core competencies regarding oral for inclusion in the education and training of non dental health care professionals
- Recruit faculty with experience in caring for underserved and vulnerable populations
Recommendations Pertinent to Education, cont’d

- HRSA should provide support for community placement of students
- HRSA should provide support for residency training in community-based settings
- States should require a minimum 1 year residency prior to licensing
Recommendations Pertinent to Education, cont’d

- Public and private support for research into new methods, models of practice and technologies to better address unmet needs