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Common Values and Skills in Our Community

The following is a guest editorial by ODA member Dr. Barry Taylor. Dr. Taylor also works as the Executive Director of the ODA. All members are welcome to submit guest editorials via email to ODA Editor Dr. Alayna Schoblaske (aschoblaske@gmail.com).



By Dr. Barry Taylor

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THE OREGON Dental Association's Regional Event in Central Oregon on November 1st and 2nd because it is an opportunity to be engaged in our great community regardless of your generation or practice modality.

Dentistry has always been a challenging profession; however, it can also be very rewarding. I frequently see a pattern of the more seasoned professional referring to a past golden age of dentistry, while at the same time telling stories of "how it used to be." I don't want to offer commentary as to if the profession is more difficult, more challenging, or "isn't what it used to be," because I still believe there are skills and values that haven't changed in our profession.

For eight years I was employed at the OHSU School of Dentistry and had the honor of serving on the admissions committee in addition to working closely with the students. Yes, every generation is different, yet there were common themes that I saw that were no different from when I applied to school in the late 1900s. The students recognized as "academically gifted" have worked hard for that gift. They are motivated to serve and want to help their communities. They are scientifically inclined and have a deep interest in health care. They come from a wide range of backgrounds, and today these classes without doubt are more reflective of the community that they will be serving. They know that there are financial awards for being a dentist, and that is no different from any other generation applying to dental school.

I will agree with you that gold inlays aren't taught like they used to be, and they no longer must bring the patient back to the clinic to get a mirror finish on the occlusal silver alloy. However, they are experts with computer-aided design and better understand the relationship between oral health and general health. Practicing dentists today are as skilled as past generations; however, it is just a different skill set with the same mindset to achieve perfection.

So the values and skills are common with each generation; however, the approach to taking action in the community through engagement has greatly changed. The association continues to be there in an evolving professional landscape, but without membership, there will be no association. We have yet to find the values that younger dentists want in an association. Which brings us back to the Regional Event and the commonalities that we do all have.

To make change in our profession, whether it is licensure reciprocity, dental insurance reform, or access to care, we must act through our advocacy. This takes a community. Both as an involved volunteer, and now as a staff member, I know that for anything to change in dentistry, it takes a monumental effort from many people. I have never seen just one individual be able to make a monumental change to our profession. So by being a part of our community, you are helping make the change that we want to see happen. 🗣️

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Date	Dental Society	Course or Event Title	Speaker	CE	Location	More Information
09/17/2024	Lane	LCC Dentist Social at New Healthcare Professionals Building	-	-	Eugene (Lane Community College)	Register: www.bit.ly/LCDSEVENTBRITE
09/19/2024	Central Oregon	TBA	TBA	2	Bend (Riverhouse Convention Center)	More info email: drjessicahenderson@gmail.com
09/19/2024	Multi-Component Event	Fall Kick Off/ Tailgate Event	-	-	ODA Parking Lot	Info/Register: www.multnomahdental.org
09/26/2024	Clackamas County Dental Society	Fall Social/Arcade Game Challenge	Members & Significant other		Dave & Busters, Clackamas	RSVP to executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
10/18/2024	Lane	Suturing for Success: (Hands-on, Limited to 30 people)	Dr. Nabeel Cagee	3 to 5	Eugene (Lane Community College)	Register: www.bit.ly/LCDSEVENTBRITE
10/22/2024	Clackamas County Dental Society	Required CE- Infection control	Terre Harris	2	Oregon City (PWFCF)	RSVP to executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
10/23/2024	Multnomah	3D Imaging	Saulo Sousa Melo, DDS, MSD, PhD. MS	2	Portland (OHSU SOD)	Info/Register: www.multnomahdental.org
11/07/2024	Multnomah & Washington	New Dentist Event	-	-	Langers Entertainment Center	Info/Register: www.multnomahdental.org
11/24/2024	Clackamas County Dental Society	Dental/Sinus ENT	John Richards	2	Oregon City (PWFCF)	RSVP to executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
12/06/2024	Lane	Advances in Dental Pharmacotherapy	Karen Baker, RPH, MS	3	Eugene (Lane Community College)	Register: www.bit.ly/LCDSEVENTBRITE
01/09/2025	Lane	Cultural Competency	Kelly Ngariki	2	Corvallis (Community Center - Willow Room)	Register: www.bit.ly/LCDSEVENTBRITE
01/17/2025	Multnomah	Medical Emergencies	TBA	4	TBD	Info/Register: www.multnomahdental.org
01/28/2024	Clackamas County Dental Society	Required CE - Medical Emergencies & N ₂ O	Steve Beadnell, DMD	4	Oregon City (PWFCF)	RSVP to executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
02/21/2025	Lane	Medical Emergencies	Dr. Sam Bae	4	Corvallis (Community Center - Willow Room)	Register: www.bit.ly/LCDSEVENTBRITE
02/25/2025	Clackamas County Dental Society	Pediatrics	TBD	2	Oregon City (PWFCF)	RSVP to executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
03/18/2025	Clackamas County Dental Society	Cultural Competency	TBD	2	Oregon City (PWFCF)	RSVP to executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
03/20/2025	Multnomah	Social Event	-	-	TBD	Info/Register: www.multnomahdental.org
05/21/2025	Multnomah	Annual Meeting/ Table Clinics	TBA	2	TBD	Info/Register: www.multnomahdental.org
05/27/2025	Clackamas County Dental Society	Annual Meeting- Election of Officers	TBD		Oregon City (PWFCF)	RSVP to executivedirector@clackamasdental.com

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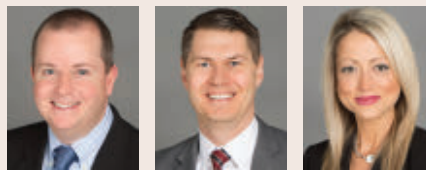
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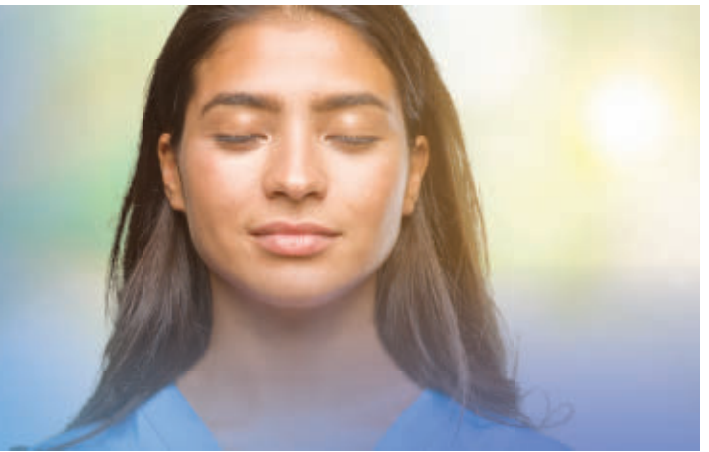
Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights

Oregon Dental Association
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 18, 2024

- Dr. Michael Naughton was approved to serve the remaining term of secretary-treasurer for 2024.
- Dr. Stacy Geisler was approved to serve the remaining term for Dr. Michael Naughton as ODA trustee.
- Dr. Elizabeth Sasse, Dr. Katherine Sonoda and Dr. Yashar Sekhvatmandi were approved to serve on the Annual Meeting Council.
- The board approved an endorsement of Slate.
- Jessica Yoder of McDonald Jacobs presented a financial update.
- Alicia Santoyo, director of education & events, gave updates on the 2024 ODA Regional Event (11/1-11/2) and the 2025 Oregon Dental Conference (4/3-4/5).
- Dr. Salathe gave an update on dental assistant extended workforce initiatives and her work with the Willamette Dental training sessions hosted by Portland Community College. ●



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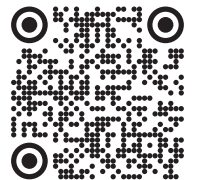
September is national suicide prevention awareness month. *After a Suicide: A Guide for Dental Workplaces* was developed in 2023 by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and the American Dental Association (ADA). This resource reflects learnings in responding to a suicide death for professional dental settings.



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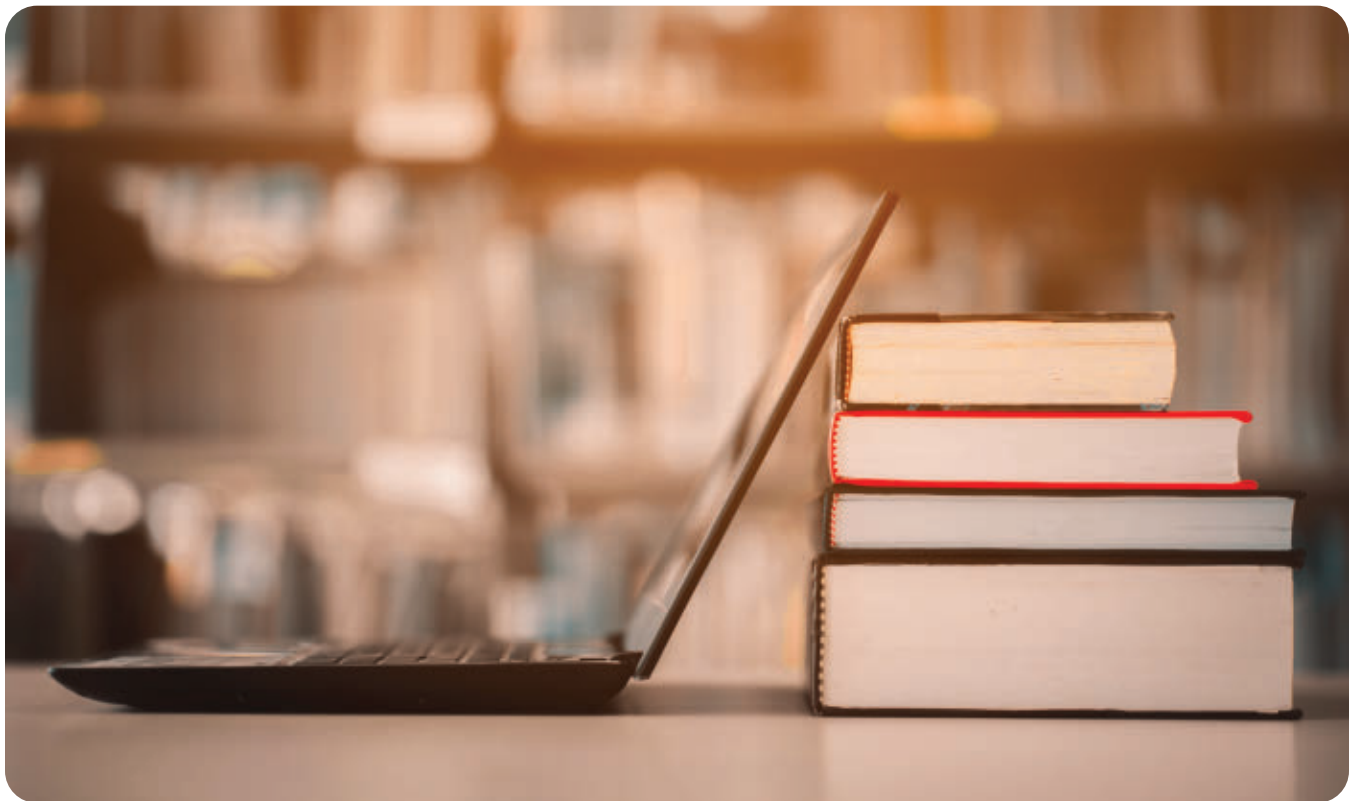
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ODA Board of Trustees Approves 2025 Legislative Agenda

ODA's Regulatory Advisory Council's legislation agenda focuses on insurance reform, a multi-state dental compact, and improving reimbursement rates

AS OUR MEMBERS KNOW, ADVOCATING for the dental profession and oral health care is one of the primary functions and one of the valued benefits of the Oregon Dental Association. With the 2024 short legislative session behind us, our team has been hard at work developing our 2025 legislative agenda, in partnership with the ODA's Regulatory Advisory Council (RAC) and Board of Trustees.

Each year, as we develop and determine our legislative priorities, we ensure we are listening to the feedback and input of our members and what challenges you are seeing in your dental practices. In the last long legislative session in 2023, we heard from our members that a lack of insurance transparency often led to unexpectedly low reimbursements, so we helped pass HB 3008, which made Oregon the first

state in the nation to require dentists' active consent before a network lease can occur, in addition to requiring dentists' consent to being reimbursed by insurance providers via credit cards. This law is effective for all new contracts entered into after January 1, 2024.

This year, we heard from our members who are concerned about retroactive denials, prompt pay issues, mobility of dental licensure, workforce challenges, and Medicaid reimbursements. The attention to these issues reflects the diversity of our membership. Keeping in mind both the priorities identified by our members and the political realities of funding new programs when the legislature is looking at a more limited budget than in past years, our RAC agreed to a three-part 2025 legislative agenda, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in July.



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The ODA's 2025 legislative agenda includes:

1. Insurance Reform – The Oregon Dental Association is working on policy solutions to help patients better understand their dental insurance and use their coverage more effectively (and reduce the administrative burden on providers). We anticipate that ODA's insurance reform priorities will either be included in one umbrella package or a variety of stand-alone legislative concepts including legislation on:

- **Retroactive Denials:** Limiting the time frame within which an insurer may demand a refund on a claim they have already paid out
- **Prompt Pay:** Shortening the payment window from insurers to dental offices
- **Assignment of Benefit:** Allow patients to choose to have payment sent directly to their provider

Dental insurance should be reliable and predictable for patients and their dentists. Unfortunately, dental insurance providers are not transparent about costs, often leading to surprise fees that create anxiety and financial hardship for patients. The proposed insurance reform packages are anticipated to help simplify billing practices and fees that unnecessarily raise the costs of care and limit choice and flexibility for the patients, in addition to relieving some of the administrative burden that dental offices and staff face in working with insurers.

2. Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact – This compact (<https://ddhcompact.org/>), which has already been approved by seven states, will increase mobility and multistate practice for licensed dentists and dental hygienists, while preserving state sovereignty as it relates to licensure and

ensuring patients have access to the highest quality of care.

The compact will play an important role in addressing some of the workforce challenges the dental industry is facing, as it will allow licensed dentists and hygienists to immediately treat patients after moving from another state to Oregon. This is a particularly critical issue for dental practices or practitioners living in Portland and Vancouver as it will allow dentists and hygienists to practice on both sides of the Oregon/Washington state border.

Through engagement with the American Dental Association and other oral health stakeholders, it is clear that this compact will soon be introduced in Oregon, as it has with so many other states already. We look forward to leading the conversation on this issue and helping move this legislation forward to ensure mobility for our licensed dentists and dental hygienists.


3. Dental Reimbursements for Oregon Health Plan – The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is anticipating cutting dental rates for the Oregon Health Plan population by 3-6% in 2025. A short-term funding solution to offset those cuts was proposed by the ODA and other stakeholders in 2024 but failed to move forward. In 2025, ODA will continue to prioritize urging OHA to address Medicaid reimbursements so that more dentists are able to serve our most vulnerable Oregonians and so that every patient has access to high-quality dental care where they live.

Since early summer 2024, the ODA team has been engaged in conversations with the OHA to ensure that dental voices, perspectives, and challenges are heard when the OHA is making decisions about reimbursement

rates. Having our members' voices at these tables is critical for our advocacy work, particularly on dental reimbursements.

We look forward to continuing these open conversations with decision-makers at every level on this critical issue for dentists.

We know that not every priority issue for every one of our members is included in these 2025 legislative priorities; however, the RAC believes the agenda is well balanced. One of the challenges of developing a legislative agenda is keeping in mind not only what we most want to achieve during a legislative session, but also what is feasible to achieve. Some of our priorities – such as a broad dental workforce package and funding for the Oregon Wellness Program – will remain longer-term priorities for the ODA, even if they are not issues that we anticipate addressing in the coming legislative session. We continue to engage with the Oregon Dental Assistant Association and other stakeholder groups, such as the Oregon Dental Assistant Association and the Oregon Dental Hygienist's Association, to find ways to help address the workforce shortages that so many of our members continue to face.

While each of these three legislative concepts are still in the beginning stages, we look forward to hearing more from our members about how we can best develop these policies to fit your needs. If you are interested in getting involved with our advocacy work or helping us develop these policy priorities, please reach out to ODA's director of government and regulatory affairs, Brett Hamilton, at bhamilton@oregondental.org. If you have an issue or ideas for future legislation that you believe ODA should pursue in a future session, please contact us at <https://www.oregondental.org/government-affairs/advocacy/legislative-concept-submissions>. 

OHSU School of Dentistry Faculty Serve as ODA Leaders Through Councils, Committees

By Melody Finnemore



Dr. Marucha



Dr. Carriere

THE OREGON DENTAL ASSOCIATION IS FORTUNATE to have members who are committed to ensuring that its governance operates smoothly and successfully, in part by serving on its councils and committees. These leaders who volunteer their time and expertise include faculty from the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry.

Phillip Marucha, DMD, PhD, professor of periodontics, serves on the ODA's Regulatory Affairs Committee. Charles "Chip" Carriere, DMD, GPR site director for the Adult Hospital Dental Service, is a member of the Leadership Development Committee. ODA's Annual Meeting Council includes Daniel Petrisor, DMD, MD, FACS, FICD, associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and Rachel Hogan, DMD, MEd, DABDSM, assistant professor of restorative dentistry.

Drs. Marucha and Carriere shared with *Membership Matters* how their membership and volunteerism with the ODA enhances their academic work, what opportunities and challenges the profession faces going forward, and what other ODA members should know about the future dentists of Oregon.

MM: Why do you choose to be an ODA member?

Dr. Marucha: I think it's really important that all of us support the ODA, the arm of our profession that makes sure that our profession moves in the right direction. They help in so many ways. It's really important moving dentistry ahead politically, and that's part of why I serve on the Regulatory Affairs Committee. The ODA also is supportive of the dental school and faculty in many ways, including with the state legislature and patient care.

Dr. Carriere: Being a member of ODA supports my professional growth and my practice. The ODA provides access to continuing education. Membership allows me to network with dentists who practice with a similar patient population as well as those of very different patient populations. They advocate for policies and regulations that affect the profession, and they provide opportunities for leadership roles and involvement in committees.

ODA's continuing education keeps me up to date with the newest techniques and technologies, which helps me provide better informed teaching to our future dentists. ODA also keeps me current with changing policies that affect our profession's future. Understanding these issues can guide academic research and contribute to relevant and impactful studies that address real-world problems.

MM: What do you think about the future of the profession as you work with future dentists every day?

Dr. Marucha: I think we are still a great profession. We have had challenges along the way, but we've always had challenges. I see the future moving closer and closer to the rest of the health care systems, and I think that's a good thing because we can provide the best kind of care. Dentistry is the best profession to interact with patients.

Dr. Carriere: The future of our profession is bright! Our future dentists are focused on a patient-centered approach to preventive and personalized care. They realize there is not a one-size-fits-all treatment plan, especially as we live longer with many more complex medical issues to consider. They really care about the well-being of those they serve.

The future is also intertwined with advancements in technology. They are

already curious as to how AI will be integrated into the profession and when regenerative treatments will be predictable and readily available. They want to provide the highest-quality care and make the experience better than people remember it being in the past.

MM: What opportunities and challenges lie ahead?

Dr. Marucha: There are always economic challenges, and it's difficult to recruit auxiliary staff like assistants and hygienists, and the cost for them is higher. American Dental Education Association data show that less than one assistant is being trained for every dentist that is trained. Accessibility is another issue, and only half of the population is served, so that is a challenge and an opportunity.

Dr. Carriere: Our biggest challenges continue to be insurance, access to care, economic pressures, limited workforce, and burnout. These are all closely linked. Even before practicing independently, our future dentists are extremely frustrated with the limitations imposed by insurance companies, which in turn limit our patients' ability to receive care. Costs to provide care and to retain talented providers and staff are continually increasing. Insurance reimbursement is stagnant. Patient expectations and their access to treatments at home are increasing. This all leads to burnout.

Despite these challenges, there are many opportunities ahead. Tele-dentistry services are more readily available to increase access throughout our state. Philosophies are shifting toward a preventative model

to reduce serious issues and improve overall health. Medical and dental centers are becoming more integrated in order to address systemic issues and provide holistic care. The mouth is becoming a more apparent link to the rest of the body.

These are all reasons to promote the ODA to these future dentists. Advocating for the profession with legislative policy; offering mental health services to its members; and providing education, mentorship, and networking are all vital to a robust future for us all.

MM: What should other ODA members know about the future dentists of Oregon?

Dr. Marucha: They are well trained. They are learning about new things that are happening in dentistry while they are happening, so we aren't training people for the past. We are training them for the future. They care about their community and what happens to dentistry in the future.

I think the ODA and the School of Dentistry have a great relationship, and I look forward to it continuing in the future. From my perspective, I see that as a real asset for the state.

Dr. Carriere: They are an eager group who are ready to serve. The amount of knowledge they are asked to absorb in four short years becomes larger and larger. We should be willing to mentor them and provide them opportunities for professional growth. Understanding and engaging with the evolving needs and perspectives of future dentists will help ensure that the profession continues to advance and meet the needs of the community effectively. ●

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Trio of Teams Compete in Oregon Health & Science University's caseCAT Program

By Melody Finnemore

OHSU'S CASECAT PROGRAM IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR students to review research literature with a focused clinical question, and present a CAT (Critically-Appraised Topic) in poster form to students and faculty in a competition.

Faculty mentors Samyia Chaudhry, DMD, and Christina Truong, DMD, note that the program is a great way for students to learn evidence-based dentistry. With advancements

in science and technology, new evidence is being published at an ever-accelerating rate, which makes it difficult for dental professionals to stay current. Skills to perform effective literature searches and the ability to review relevant articles critically to address questions faced in clinical practices are the foundation of a successful dental practitioner.

With their participation in the caseCAT program, students not only

develop such skills early on, but contribute to the dental community through their poster presentations at different conferences such as the Oregon Dental Conference.

This year's three competing teams shared why they chose their research topic, how the research project enhanced their dental education, and how the mentorship experience benefited both the students and the professor who provided guidance.



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L-R: Mark Miller, D.M.D., Jonathan Nguyen, dental student, Bryan Guthrie, D.M.D., Valerie Truong, dental student, Omar Alburawi, D.D.S., Aleya Steckel, dental student, Esha Mukherjee, B.D.S., M.S.D., Daniel Chen, dental student, Kiyono Koi, D.D.S., Daniel Kim, dental student.

The Impact of *F. Nucleatum* Modulation on Colorectal Cancer Treatment

Students: Daniel Chen and Daniel Kim

Mentor: Justin Merritt, PhD

As Daniel Chen and Daniel Kim began to research the impact of *F. nucleatum* modulation on colorectal cancer treatment, they were surprised to find that not much previous research on the topic had been done. In fact, they had to do some digging to find other literature on the topic.

“When we started, we wanted to reach a definitive conclusion, and we thought cumulative research would answer our question,” Chen said. “After doing a literature search, we realized there wasn’t much new research that would lead to an answer and we had to adjust our scope.”

What they did find is that *F. nucleatum* is a common oral bacterium that can contribute to periodontal disease, halitosis, dental pulp infection, and oral cancer. It also is found in the gastrointestinal tract and is associated with appendicitis, pericarditis, brain abscess, osteomyelitis, and chorioamnionitis, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Of specific interest to Chen and Kim is the tie between *F. nucleatum* and extra-oral malignancies such as colorectal cancer, breast cancer, esophageal squamous cell carcinoma, and gastric cancer. Their research project sought to shed light on the connection between the bacterium and colorectal cancer, and two of the studies they included in their work focused on mice models that support that connection. One source suggests that periodontal treatment leads to less *F. nucleatum* in colorectal cancer tumors.

“It’s easy for us as dental students to focus on the mouth, and our curriculum in dental school is focusing more on how oral disease affects oral health,” Kim said. “We tend to lose sight of the big picture that we’re not just treating oral diseases. We’re able to impact the patient’s overall health.”

Both Chen and Kim agreed that the research, and the mentorship they have received from Justin Merritt, PhD, have enhanced their dental education. “It’s definitely changed my perspective on dental school, in

general, and we will plan to continue our research,” Chen said.

Merritt explained that he is not a clinician and his work is more focused on research. He learns the clinical aspects by interacting with dental students and clinical faculty.

“Being a mentor is central to what I do. Science is basically one of the last remaining apprenticeship styles of the profession that is left, so being a mentor ensures the viability of our field,” he said. “It’s also just fun to interact with people who bring in a fresh perspective. That’s essential to bringing in new ideas.”

Merritt expressed his admiration for Chen and Kim, noting that “anyone who wants to do research while being a dental student has to be extraordinarily ambitious and effective at time management.

“It’s enough to make it through dental school, and to add research on top of that is no small feat, so I’m always impressed when students have the interest to do so. To do it successfully is even more of an accomplishment,” he added.

Utilizing TADs in Conjunction with Clear Aligners to Distalize Maxillary Molars in Patients with Class II Malocclusion

Students: Aleya Steckel and Valerie Truong

Mentor: Corey Shook, DMD, MDS

Valerie Truong plans to pursue a career in orthodontics. As she assisted and shadowed residents, she noticed that some used clear aligners and others used temporary

anchorage devices (TADs), but the two treatments were not being combined. She wanted her research to increase that option as a treatment modality.

Aleya Steckel has a particular interest in implants and found it fascinating to research the

applications of TADs in various fields of dentistry, including orthodontics.

Their research project showed that clear aligners offer an esthetic treatment option while producing similar long-term results as traditional fixed orthodontic appliances. TADs provide the ability to minimize

unwanted reciprocal forces through the use of skeletal anchorage. In addition, the use of TADs may reduce patient compliance issues when compared to Class II elastics.

Other results from their research project showed that TADs, in conjunction with clear aligners, are a viable treatment option for maxillary arch distalization. Treatment success is dependent upon patient selection, TAD design and location, and quality of alveolar bone.

“Aside from directly applying clear aligners with TADs, this project has inspired us to look more at less widely practiced treatment modalities to cater to the need of our future patients,” they said.

Truong said the research project allowed them to be more creative

with their ideas by broadening their initial goals. In addition, it provided a stronger connection with faculty, including their mentor, Dr. Corey Shook.

“I think I also have become more interested in pursuing academia going forward, and this gave us a good idea of what mentors do while working with students and how they help guide students’ interests,” she said.

Steckel said she didn’t do much research as an undergraduate student, but dental school has piqued her interest and she would like to do more. “I’m also more interested in presenting and engaging with faculty, reading articles about innovative techniques, and staying more connected to the dental community,” she said.

Dr. Shook said he appreciated how motivated Truong and Steckel were when they approached him about the research topic. “I was happy to be their mentor, and they put a lot of work in. They pretty much did the bulk of the work and I was just the adviser,” he said. “I’d like to continue being a mentor. I enjoy the one-on-one interaction and helping students achieve career goals.”

While evidence-based dentistry is the foundation of his practice, Dr. Shook said the research project provided an opportunity for critical evaluations that enhance his practice. “I always want to apply evidence-based dentistry, and keeping a hand on the research that is out there helps guide the treatment I do in my practice,” he said.

Treatment Efficacy of Conservative and Radical Management on Ameloblastoma

Student: Jonathan V. Nguyen
Mentors: Srinivasa R. Chandra, MD, BDS, FIBCSOMS, and Erik Richmond, DMD

Jonathan Nguyen was inspired to focus on his research topic after learning about benign pathology in his radiology class. “What really caught my attention was the

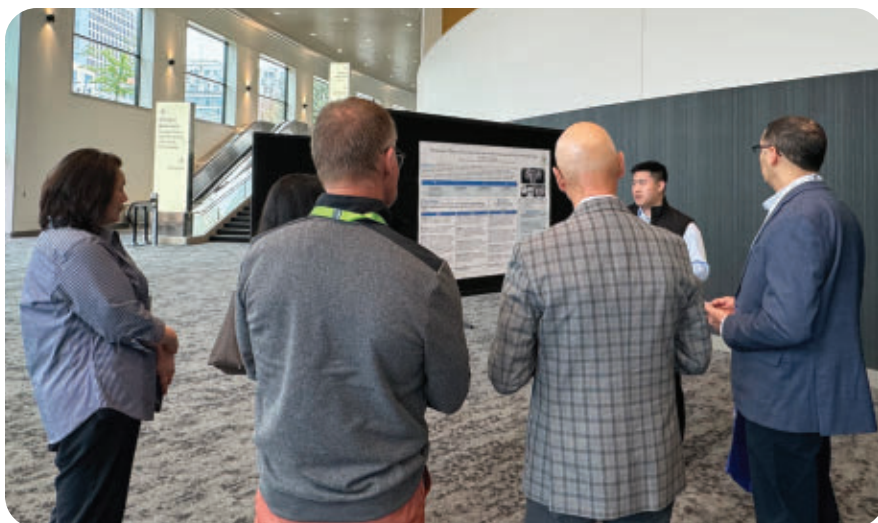
disease ameloblastoma because it’s a rare disease of the oral cavity. If the disease is left untreated, it can negatively impact the patient’s quality of life, including mastication, cosmetics, and breathing,” he said.

Nguyen learned that ameloblastoma represents nearly 1% of all tumors in the oral cavity. Although the

choice of treatment – radical versus conservative approach – depends on the type of ameloblastoma and its clinical presentation, studies found that radical resection with adequate margins of 1-1.5 centimeters resulted in the least amount of recurrence.

Complete resection continues to be the gold standard, but drawbacks of this procedure may include masticatory dysfunction, facial deformity, and risk of surgical site infection. Due to these shortcomings, more clinical research should be dedicated toward alternative treatment options such as molecular targeted therapy to optimally minimize recurrence while restoring both function and esthetics and improving quality of life, Nguyen summarized in his findings.

“I understood that complete removal was the best solution, but I wanted to understand the percentage of ameloblastoma coming back





again,” he said, adding the recurrence rate after complete removal was less than 10% while the recurrence rate with other treatment options was more than 40%. “That range really surprised me, and seeing that wide gap was really shocking.”

Nguyen began to explore other alternatives to minimize recurrences and found that compelling evidence from the early 2000s mapped out the molecular aspects of ameloblastoma. He believes the next step toward treatment of ameloblastoma is molecular targeted therapy.

“This research shed light on my career goals. I want to pursue oral surgery, and I can see myself specializing in head and neck cancers,” Nguyen said. “This research really cemented with me because it taught me something new and led me to a new field. I hope to utilize this information in future projects where I continue to work with my mentors.”

Dr. Srinivasa Chandra, one of Nguyen’s mentors, specializes in oral and maxillofacial surgery and is starting an international clinical

trial utilizing molecular targeted therapy on patients with late-stage ameloblastoma and other large growths. The clinical trial is a partnership with the University of Alabama, and Dr. Chandra was invited by the University of Michigan to talk about his research at its annual conference.

“People are seeking our expertise in treating this particular type of tumor,” he said. “It’s a paradigm change in the past two years, so the future is exciting for jaw tumors. This is cutting-edge research that is truly relevant, and very few people on the West Coast are doing it, so we are one of the centers in the world that is researching this type of tumor.”

Dr. Chandra described Nguyen as “consistently enthusiastic and curious,” adding he is encouraged that Nguyen could take on the full scope of this significant endeavor and is proud to serve as his mentor.

“Mentoring someone very early offers a brighter future for him rather than what I missed out on when I was a student,” he said. ●

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What is the ODA Expert Express Lectures Series?

Started in 2016, the ODA Expert Express Lecture Series (OEELS) provides a platform for ODA members to share their knowledge and expertise with thousands of ODC attendees. ODA Expert Express Lectures are 90 minutes in length and are planned to be held at the Oregon Convention Center as part of the ODC.

Who is eligible to submit a proposal to present?

All ODA members are welcome and encouraged to submit a proposal for consideration by the Annual Meeting Council. This opportunity is open to seasoned speakers and those new to presenting!

How do I submit a proposal?

Proposals will only be accepted electronically, by completing the application

on the ODA website. The proposal deadline is September 20, 2024.

Selection Process

All proposals submitted by the September 20th deadline will be reviewed by the Annual Meeting Council. Invitations will be extended to presenters by the end of October.

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ODA Regional Event – It's More Than CE...



By Daniel Petrisor,
DMD, MD

THE UPCOMING ODA REGIONAL EVENT AT BRASADA RANCH offers a unique opportunity for engagement and community building with colleagues from across Oregon. As dental professionals, we often find ourselves focused on our individual practices and local communities, but this event provides a valuable platform to connect with peers from other parts of our state.

Building on the foundation laid at my first ODA regional event three years ago in Ashland, I'm particularly excited about the potential for collaboration and knowledge exchange at Brasada Ranch. The diverse perspectives and experiences that attendees bring to the event enrich our collective understanding and foster a sense of unity within the dental community.

The continuing education (CE) sessions are designed to not only impart knowledge but also encourage interaction and discussion. By participating in these sessions, we can gain insights into best practices, innovative techniques, and emerging trends from our colleagues. These shared learning experiences help us stay at the forefront of the dental field and improve the quality of care we provide to our patients.

Networking opportunities will be plentiful at Brasada Ranch, from scheduled events to informal gatherings. The relaxed and inviting

atmosphere of the ranch makes it easy to strike up conversations, share experiences, and build lasting professional relationships. Whether it's during a meal, or a social event, each interaction holds the potential to inspire new ideas and collaborations.

The interaction with sponsors and exhibitors is another focal point for engagement. As we explore the latest products, technologies, and services, we can exchange insights and recommendations with fellow attendees. These conversations often lead to practical tips and innovative solutions that we can take back to our own practices.

Overall, the ODA regional event at Brasada Ranch is more than just a CE event. It's a celebration of our profession and an opportunity to engage deeply with our colleagues from all corners of Oregon. I look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces, meeting new ones, and continuing to build a strong, vibrant dental community. Reflecting on my journey from my first event in Ashland to now, I am excited to see how the connections and knowledge gained at Brasada Ranch will continue to shape my professional growth and enhance the care I provide to my patients. This event represents not only a chance to learn and network but also to celebrate the collective dedication and passion that defines our dental community. 🌟



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The ODA Welcomes Incoming Residents



ON THE MORNING OF JULY 1, 2024, the ODA participated in the OHSU advanced education orientation for incoming residents. Dr. Barry Taylor, ODA executive director, welcomed the residents and touched on the importance of organized dentistry in the state of Oregon. He outlined the many benefits available during the residents' complimentary tripartite membership including the benefit of community and networking at the local component level. Each resident received a welcome box from the association with ODA swag and information from Travel Oregon on what to see and do within the state.

We would like to welcome all incoming OHSU residents to the ODA and wish them success in their journeys.

Oregon Health and Science University Residents

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Gayeong Lee, DDS
Madeline Stein, DMD

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Budding Dentists in Action

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Oregon high school students explore dental careers during hands-on Dental Week

YOUNG PEOPLE DRAPED IN YELLOW SCRUBS, FACE

masks, and bright blue gloves bent over a table, a pair of hemostats wedged between their fingers, quietly and intently threading the thick and pliable skin of banana, stitch, after stitch.

That was one of the dozens of scenes captured during Dental Week, July 8-12, when 16 current high school students and recent graduates from across Oregon were at the School of Dentistry exploring what a career in oral health care would be like.

Suturing the skin of the banana was a highlight for the young adults. “We sutured in the shape of Ws,” said Logan Ajifu-Santos, a Parkrose High School student.

The 10 young women and six men also experimented with waxing a dental model with faculty member Christina Truong, DMD. Each student held a probe like a pencil, heated to 250 degrees, and dipped it into a sticky wax before dripping it onto a tooth model. They were building a tooth cusp ridge.

The experiential part of learning can often be the most rewarding and effective way to hold someone’s interest. That’s why these experiences are baked into Dental Week, a new initiative intended to draw more young people – especially under-served populations – into the profession.

Diverse backgrounds

The students were from the Klamath Tribes and Klamath County, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Jefferson County, and Portland, Parkrose and Woodburn school districts.

Of the group, 38% identify as American Indian/Alaskan Native, 12% as Black African American, 26% as Latino/Hispanic, 12% as multiracial/other than white and 12% as white.

A local clinician, Thien-Y Hoang, DMD, from Permanente Dental Associates, opened the week with an overview

of oral anatomy and basic dentistry vocabulary, such as occlusal (chewing surface) and dentin (under tooth enamel). People get their lower front teeth first by age 6 or 7 and the upper front teeth next. Overall, 20 teeth appear within the first two years of life. By the time of adulthood, one typically has 32 teeth, according to Hoang.

The program is a collaboration with the OHSU School of Dentistry, Permanente Dental Associates, and On Track OHSU! This was the first of what’s expected to be two annual sessions.

On Track OHSU! (www.ohsu.edu/education/track-ohsu) is a health and science pathways outreach program working to increase the number of middle and high school students from underrepresented backgrounds in the health sciences and Oregon’s biomedical workforce.

Permanente Dental Associates is an accredited partner of Kaiser Permanente Dental, providing comprehensive, quality dental care in Oregon and Southwest Washington for 50 years.

Some expect to be dentists someday, like Osvaldo Legaria, from Woodburn, who will attend Chemeketa Community College in the fall. Others are still exploring possible career tracks, like Diana Santiago who also recently graduated from Woodburn High School. That’s why she was at Dental Week, as well as taking part in other On Track programs.

Leadership

“Find ways to differentiate yourselves,” said Dean Ron Sakaguchi, DDS, MS, PhD, MBA, as he offered words of wisdom about the oral health care field. He suggested the students explore research as one option to stand apart.

“Take advantage of opportunities that come to you. You can never know how what you learn today – like this Dental Week experience – could apply to your career.”

Journeys into the field of dentistry can take many forms.

Cyrus Lee, DMD, CEO and executive dental director of Permanente Dental Associates and an OHSU School of Dentistry alumnus, didn’t have a direct path after college. Instead, he took two years off.

“This time was an opportunity to look at myself and decide what the next chapter would be,” he said.

Lee had done research projects with OHSU while in college and extended that work while he considered dental school. He also tutored immigrant children and taught at an alternative high school.



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Diversifying the health care workforce leads to better health outcomes, according to research. However, there is a health care workforce shortage that is hampering improvement efforts. Oregon’s current biomedical workforce is not representative of the state’s demographics. Dental Week is an effort to change the current trajectory for dentistry in the state to the benefit of the profession and the community. 📷

Photos, Current Oregon high school students and recent graduates participated in a variety of learning exercises during Dental Week. Dean Ron Sakaguchi provided encouragement to the group. Cyrus Lee, D.M.D., CEO of Permanente Dental Associates, shared his journey into oral care.

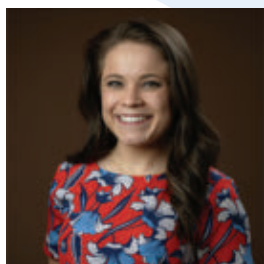
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Clinic for Underserved Thrives with Support of School of Dentistry Alumni, Students, and Faculty

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP THE UNDERSERVED HAS BEEN

a lifelong credo for OHSU School of Dentistry alumnus Sachin Rao, DDS, GPR '23. Last year, when he and his co-residents were informed of a volunteer opportunity at Bridges Collaborative Care Clinic (BCCC), Rao was eager to step forward.

BCCC is a student-led free clinic providing health services to vulnerable populations in Portland's metro area. Students from OHSU, Portland State University and Oregon State University work in partnership with Transition Projects, Inc., a Portland nonprofit agency focused on transitioning people from homelessness into housing.

OHSU dental students volunteering through BCCC provide cleanings, exams, basic restorative dentistry, and simple extractions for underserved populations at the Bud Clark Commons, a comprehensive service center in Portland's Old Town district.

Every third Saturday, the temporary dental operator is set up and run by OHSU dental students overseen by OHSU faculty and alumni.

Volunteering at the BCCC dental clinic provides a service opportunity for Rao and gives him experience teaching and advising students in a clinical setting. He is impressed by the caliber of OHSU faculty preceptors and students who volunteer at BCCC.

"The faculty are passionate about it. They want to teach and they want to help the community," Rao says. "Students want to get better at dentistry and serve people that need care the most."

"It's a privilege to be a dentist. I think it is our obligation to give back in some capacity."



Sachin Rao,
DDS, GPR 2023

Students and co-chairs Anna Ball and Thomas Rezendes, DMD Class of 2025, currently manage BCCC's dental clinic. They were trained by last year's co-chairs: students Ellie Amico and Ciara Robinson, DMD Class of 2024. Amico continues to work in leadership with BCCC.

As managers, Ball and Rezendes arrive two hours before the clinic opens to pull equipment out of storage and set up three operatories. The donated secondhand equipment includes mobile Aseptico and A-dec delivery units, a Nomad machine for radiology needs and three exam chairs.

"As co-chairs, we're responsible for running the clinic," Ball says. "It's a real-world opportunity to learn skills, but as co-chairs, we're also learning how to run a dental practice – even things like licensing the radiology machines."

Ball and Rezendes oversee a leadership team of OHSU dental



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student volunteers who are each assigned roles at the clinic – including running the front desk, operating the radiology cart and performing sterilization protocols.

Rao says dental students perform real-world, hands-on dentistry at BCCC. Student volunteers interview patients, complete health histories and learn about their patients' primary complaints. Students then present their treatment plan to OHSU faculty and alumni volunteer preceptors for input and approval before performing the recommended procedures. Preceptors provide feedback and check student work.

"At Bridges, students have to think on their feet," Rao says. "I think this is the best opportunity to get that training."

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or worked at OHSU. To think that I am going to join them as an OHSU alum is an honor."



Anna Ball, DMD
Class of 2025

Ball says that at BCCC, OHSU dental students experience invaluable expanded opportunities to provide clinical procedures they have learned at school. Through her work there, Ball has given injections, filled cavities, performed extractions and completed her first debridement – the removal of extreme amounts of plaque and calculus.

"We're often cleaning someone's teeth who hasn't seen a dentist in 20 years," Ball says. "When you start taking chunks of calculus off that have been there for years you think, 'OK, I'm definitely making a difference in this person's life.'"

OHSU faculty and alumni who serve as preceptors at BCCC are essential to its success. Ball is also grateful for the support the clinic has received from School of Dentistry Dean Ron Sakaguchi, DDS, MS, PhD, MBA. Sakaguchi has introduced clinic leaders to the OHSU Alumni Association, the Oregon Dental Association and several resources within the Portland dental community, helping to expand support for Bridges continuing work.

Sakaguchi has also supported efforts to open the dental clinic at BCCC on Mondays, allowing faculty members to be excused from their clinical work at the School of Dentistry to volunteer at BCCC. More visitors see the clinic on Mondays because the Bud Clark Commons offers other resources Monday through Friday that are not available on the weekends, attracting greater numbers of guests into the building. Increased awareness of the clinic brings in additional patients.

Rao and Ball both chose to study at the OHSU School of Dentistry because of its location, reputation and program offerings. After earning his D.D.S. from the University of Minnesota, Rao completed his GPR at OHSU, drawn by increased opportunities to practice oral surgery as well as his interest in the sleep apnea program. He says studying with David Carsten, DDS, MAGD, assistant professor of General Practice Residency in the OHSU School of Dentistry, was crucial to his own success.

"Dr. Carsten made me a better clinician and a true doctor," Rao says. "There's something to be said about the culture of the program. The faculty are very nurturing. There's a true sense of community."

"Having grown up in Portland, many of the smartest and most passionate people I know have studied or worked at OHSU," Ball says. "To think that I

am going to join them as an OHSU alum is an honor."

Rao and Ball share a belief that, as dentists, they have unique skills and a responsibility to offer their services to those in need. After she graduates, Ball hopes to split her time between working in private practice and working in public health.

"Just being able to get someone out of pain and provide care that we know they wouldn't be able to get otherwise is huge," Ball says. "Especially in a homeless population where having something like a toothache can prevent you from being able to take a step in the right direction."

Rao says, "It's a privilege to be a dentist. I think it is our obligation to give back in some capacity." ●

Bridges Story

All of us at Bridges Collaborative Care Clinic wanted to reach out to thank you and the board for the donation of the much-needed autoclave. It will be put to use for many years to come.

In the year of 2023 our student volunteers donated over 1,112 hours, with our volunteer preceptors committing over 245 hours total. We were able to provide extensive dental services to the community which included 132 dental cleanings with oral hygiene education, 36 dental restorations, and 74 extractions, among various other comprehensive services. Your donation of the autoclave will be essential in continuing to maintain and further expand these services!

Thank you again for your support in pursuing our mission.

Sincerely,
The Bridges Dental Team

Oregon Health Authority Welcomes a New Dental Director

By Brett Hamilton, ODA Government and Regulatory Affairs Director

IN 2015, THE OREGON DENTAL ASSOCIATION PASSED legislation that required the Oregon Health Authority to hire a state dental director. This position was intended to give oral health a greater voice during the integration of public health care as well as a dedicated presence and voice to influence state policy makers. While the position was filled several times over the past decade (due to ODA's continued efforts), OHA never had a consistent and long-lasting dentist in this position. Over these years, ODA has consistently lobbied Oregon's governors as well as legislators about the need to have a dental director who can lead and promote dental health policy for the state. Repeatedly, meeting after meeting, ODA advocated for oral health to join behavioral and physical health as the third leg to a person's overall well-being. These efforts led to ODA participating in the hiring process of the latest dental director. We are happy to welcome and introduce Dr. Ahmed Farag, DDS, MBA, D.H.Sc, FACHE, to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) as the new dental director.

Dr. Farag is currently a tripartite member and a director of The Seventh District Dental Society, which is a component of The New York State Dental Association, in Rochester, New York. We are looking forward to the state having a dentist in a leadership role and having a champion for oral health. As OHA's dental director, Dr. Farag will be a member of a new Oregon Health Plan Clinical Leadership Team.

An OHA announcement on July 23rd shared Dr. Farag's robust background in advancing integrated health systems and clinical program leadership and stated the following:

Dr. Farag brings a wealth of international and national experience in dentistry and oral surgery. He has served in multiple leadership roles throughout his career, most recently the executive medical director at Rochester Regional Health, an integrated health system that serves western, central, and northern New York with over 550 healthcare practice locations, 9 hospitals, and 16 federally qualified health centers. He has obtained his MBA in medical management from Simon Business school at the University of Rochester and is currently pursuing his doctorate in health science leadership in clinical practice and education at George Washington University with interest in value-based care models. Reflecting his commitment to exceptional patient experiences, human-centered design, and integrated service delivery, Dr. Farag has also achieved fellowship of ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership and fellowship of American College for Healthcare Executives.

Highlights from his work to date include:

- Strong understanding of systemic practices that can either promote or undermine health equity
- Direct patient care with publicly, privately, and uninsured individuals, in hospitals and community clinics, in the U.S. and multiple countries



- Operational leadership with a deep commitment to continuous improvement, streamlining administrative protocols, multidisciplinary and interprofessional collaboration, and a track record of measurable successes
- Innovative county and state policy roles
- Evidence-based, data-driven process improvements resulting in improved access, health outcomes, and patient satisfaction, with a focus on culturally competent care
- Electronic health record integration across dental and medical health settings to support more whole-person health outcomes and communication between providers
- Intentional leadership to support wellness, trust, and shared learning across diverse teams

Dr. Farag has shared his enthusiasm to learn from community partners and current Oregon work, admiration of Oregon Health Plan's dental care coverage, excitement to work in the public health, policy, and healthcare sectors, and motivation to join us in system improvement that achieves health equity.

We look forward to our partnership with Dr. Farag. 🌟

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