

Center
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Jointly Provided | Continuing Education Symposium for Dental Health Professionals

Oral Health and Quality of Life for Older Adults

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Event Host: Center for Oral Health

Continuing Education Provider: California Northstate University, College of Dental Medicine

CE EVENT DATE: September 18, 2025

TIME: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(7:00 AM Check-in – Coffee & light fare breakfast)

Registration Fees: General \$350 | Student \$250 **COH [Refund Policy](#)**

(Includes breakfast and lunch; see link for special rates/discounts

<https://tinyurl.com/bs39yc54>)

VENUE (In Person): Hyatt Regency, 1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to equip dental professionals with the knowledge and tools needed to better serve older adult populations through innovative and collaborative approaches. Participants will examine disparities at the local, state, and national levels, and explore how emerging models of care—such as mobile dentistry, teledentistry, and community-based programs—can help reduce gaps in access and improve outcomes.

A key component of this program includes application of findings from A Healthy Smile Never Gets Old 2.0, a multi-sector initiative that identifies promising practices for advancing oral health access among older adults. Participants will evaluate how these findings can inform both clinical decision-making and policy advocacy. Additionally, the course will compare governmental strategies and highlight the importance of aligning oral health with broader aging services, housing supports, and social care systems.

This educational experience, involving experts from the local, state and national perspectives, supports providers in taking a leadership role to promote oral health equity, with a focus on interprofessional collaboration and systems-level thinking.

Continuing Education Credit Info: California Northstate University, College of Dental Medicine is a Continuing Education Registered Provider with the Dental Board of California (DBC). This course meets the Dental Board of California requirements for 6.25 units of continuing education. *Activity #:* 6.25-5938-25002 | Activity Type: Live lecture/Discussion *AGD Subject Codes:* 550 & 750. No partial credit (you must attend the entire event ending at 4PM).



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Program Agenda

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 | Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Welcome Reception/No CE

Thursday, September 18, 2025 – Symposium

7:00AM – 8:00AM Check-In/Breakfast/Exhibitors

8:00AM – 8:20AM Welcome |Opening

- Tiffany Turner, MBA, MPH, Center for Oral Health
- Paul Glassman, DDS, MBA, College of Dental Medicine, California Northstate University
- Susan DeMarois, Director, California Department of Aging
- CE Disclosures/ Pre-Activity Survey

Local Perspectives

8:20AM – 8:30AM Introduction

Tooka Zokaie, MPH, MAS, CPH, Sr. Health Policy Analyst, California Dental Association

8:30AM – 8:50AM

Topic: Coalitions in Action: Driving Oral Health Access for Older Adults in San Diego County

Speaker: Karthika Kandala, DDS, MPH, Associate Dentist, Grace Dental, Oceanside, CA

Learning Objective:

- Explain the effectiveness of oral health coalitions in improving outcomes for older adults.

8:50AM – 9:10AM

Topic: Behind the Redwood Curtain: Oral Health on California's North Coast

Speaker: Sarah Vogel, Oral Health Program Coordinator, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health, Humboldt County Public Health Department

Learning Objectives:

- Describe access challenges in rural communities.
- Identify recommendations for incorporating older adults into county-level oral health planning.

9:10AM – 9:30AM

Topic: Barriers to Care for Seniors in Santa Cruz

Speaker: Laura Marcus, MPH Chief Executive Officer, Dientes Community Dental

Learning Objective:

- Describe the impact of nonprofit-led initiatives on underserved older adults and identify strategies for replicating successful models in other communities.

9:30AM – 10:00AM Q&A Local Perspectives Panel

10:00AM – 10:15AM Break

State Perspectives

10:15AM – 10:25AM Introduction

Elisa Chavez, DDS, Interim Dean, University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

10:25AM – 10:55AM

Topic: Improving Oral Health for Seniors: A Public Health Perspective

Speaker: Shakalpi Pendurkar, DDS, MPH, State Dental Director, California Department of Public Health

Learning Objectives:

- Summarize CDPH priorities and the goals of the California Oral Health Plan
- Describe how public health strategies improve oral health for older adults.

10:55AM – 11:25AM

Topic: Innovative Oral Health Delivery Models for Older Adults in California

Speaker: Paul Glassman, DDS, MA, MBA, Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Community Engagement California Northstate University College of Dental Medicine

Learning Objectives:

- Describe innovative oral health delivery models for older adults.
- Identify implementation challenges.
- Outline strategies for statewide scalability.

11:25AM – 12:15PM

Topic: A Healthy Smile Never Gets Old 2.0: Leveraging Data to Shape Oral Health Policy for California's Older Adults

Speaker: Robert Milam, MPH Research & Evaluation Manager, Center for Oral Health

Learning Objective:

- Apply findings from *A Healthy Smile Never Gets Old 2.0* to inform systems-level improvements in practice and policy.

Lunch Break – Lunch & Learn | 12:15PM - 1:00PM

National Perspectives

1:00PM – 1:10PM – Introduction

Timothy Martinez, DMD, Dental Director – Medic-Cal, Health Net

1:10PM – 1:40PM

Topic: Federal Policy Trends Impacting Geriatric Oral Health

Speaker: Richard J. Rosato, DMD, President Elect - American Dental Association

Learning Objective:

- Identify federal policy trends with implications for geriatric oral health.

1:40PM – 2:10PM

Topic: Exploring Medicaid and Medicare Policy: Where are we today; and how can we advance oral health for our nation's most vulnerable?

Speaker: Mary Foley, MPH, Executive Director - Medicaid | Medicare | CHIP Services Dental Association (MSDA)

Learner Objectives:

- Explain the current dental benefit structure under Medicare and Medicaid.
- Describe innovations that expand access for older adults.

Break 2:10PM – 2:20PM

Breakout Sessions

2:20PM -3:00PM

Topic: Project/Initiative Highlights - MINDFUL Project

Speaker: Kelly Vitzthum, DDS, MPH, Director, Community-Based Clinical Education- UCLA School of Dentistry

Learning Objectives:

- Describe how the MINDFUL Project enhances dental student education via multiple community-based approaches.

2:20PM -3:00PM

Topic: Portable Dentistry Solutions for Underserved Aging Populations

Speaker: Thomas Lovinger, DA Chief Executive Officer- Golden Age Dental Care & President of American Mobile & Teledentistry Alliance

Learning Objectives:

- Identify operational models for portable dentistry.
- Describe scalable solutions for serving underserved senior populations.

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2:20PM -3:00PM

Topic: LifeLong Medical Care - Unhoused Older Adults

Speakers:

- Miriam Parker, DDS, MBA, Chief Dental Officer- LifeLong Medical Care
- Deborah Workman, MPH, Senior Director of Strategy & Planning- Lifelong Medical Care

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the relationship between housing insecurity oral health disparities.
- Describe care coordination strategies for medically complex and unhoused older adults.

2:20PM -3:00PM

Topic: Oral Disease – Brain Disease Interface: Alzheimer’s to Parkinson’s Disease

Speaker: Stephen Dominy, M.D., Stanford University Department of Bioengineering

Learning Objectives:

- Explain how Porphyromonas gingivalis (Pg), best known for its role as a keystone pathogen in chronic periodontitis, has emerged as a causative agent in neurodegenerative disorders including Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease.
- Describe research-informed considerations for treatment planning and care for individuals with Pg-positive chronic periodontitis and cognitive decline.

Break 3:00PM – 3:15PM

3:15PM – 3:45PM

Tiffany Turner, MBA, MPH, Chief Executive Officer – Center for Oral Health

- Post-Activity Survey
- Review Correct Responses
- Course Evaluation

Brendan John, COH Board Chair – Closing Remarks

3:45PM – 4:00PM Exhibits/Exit

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