

A Spotlight on Medical-Oral Health Integration - Promising Practices and Innovative Approaches

A MassHealth DSRIP TA Program SWI Pop Up

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10:00^{am} – 12:30^{pm}

BACKGROUND ON PANELISTS



Neetu Singh, DMD, MPH

Introduction

Neetu Singh is the Oral Health Program Director at the Boston-based consumer health advocacy organization Health Care For All (HCFA). Prior to joining HCFA, Dr. Singh practiced clinical dentistry in NYC for several years. Dr. Singh returned to academia to receive her MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health and has subsequently transitioned her career from full-time clinical practice to health policy & advocacy. Her work focuses on increasing access and coverage of oral health and dental services for consumers in Massachusetts, developing strategies and implementing policies which support the integration of oral health into the broader health care system.



Shannon Wells, MSW

Moderator

Shannon Wells is an independent consultant specializing in integrative public health. She is also the former Director of Integrated Care for the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. In that role, she directed multiple projects focused on improving health outcomes and accessing by integrating oral health, behavioral health and primary care on both a state and federal level. Prior to the Mass League, Shannon served as the project director for Boston Children's Hospital's Early Childhood Caries Initiative.



Matt Horan, DMD, MPH

Panelist

Matt Horan is the Executive Director of Dental Services for Harbor Health Services, Inc. and Dental Director for the Office of Oral Health at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Dr. Horan is a member of the MassHealth Dental Advisory Committee and the dental faculty at the Boston University School of Dental Medicine and the NYU (Lutheran) Medical Center.

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Christie Lumsden, PhD, MS, RD, CDN

Panelist

Christie Lumsden is an Associate Research Scientist in the Section of Oral, Diagnostic, and Rehabilitation Sciences at the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine. She serves as the Research Methods Course Lead for the Columbia/ NY Presbyterian Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program, and is an active member of the College's Committee on Access, Equity and Inclusion. Dr. Lumsden's work has largely focused on designing and conducting research to encourage adoption of healthy diet-related behaviors to reduce oral health disparities in young children.



Hugh Silk, MD, MPH

Panelist

Hugh Silk is a Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He also teaches at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He is co-founder of the award winning national curriculum on oral health for health providers, "Smiles for Life". When he is not teaching and seeing patients, Dr. Silk is collaborating with the Health Resources and Services Administration and Harvard to help develop the new Center for Integration of Primary Care and Oral Health (CIPCOH).



Lisa Simon, MD, DMD

Panelist

Lisa Simon is a physician, dentist and researcher at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She has been involved in implementation of innovative medical-dental integration projects embedded in community health centers, Harvard's dental clinic, and the hospital inpatient setting, and has developed training curricula for medical providers at all phases of training and practice. She practices dentistry at the Suffolk County Jail and at Smiles by Rosie Family Dentistry in Somerville, MA, and is a resident physician in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Codman Square Health Center.