



WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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From left to right: Innaa Cavalli, St. Charles RC; Tanya Duff-Bronson, Oral Health Kansas; Timothy Barrow, University of Florida; Cheryl Wells, Oral Health Kansas and Stuart Child, US Government Operations

Meet The Speakers

Our presenters are gearing up to bring you a thought-provoking conference! There will be different topics to choose from but just register once and you have access to all sessions, even up to 6 months! Click [here](#) to see the sessions.

The days for the online sessions are the mornings of Friday, October 30 and Friday, November 6. This year's conference will feature state and national speakers discussing vulnerabilities in dental care access and opportunities for improvement.

Large groups will also be able to participate in the conference at a reduced group rate. Due to interest from organizations and dental clinics to register several staff members for the conference, we developed a group rates to allow more of your team to learn about the latest successes and opportunities for improvement in the oral health of Kansas. The rates are designed for different sizes of offices or for dental hygiene classes. Team rates do not need to be only dental, any clinic is welcome!

When: Friday, October 30, 9:00am-12:00pm **AND** Friday, November 6, 8:00am-12:00pm

ONE individual registration fee will give you access to **BOTH** virtual session days!

Individual Registration Fees

Single: \$60

Student: \$15

Group rates

Dental Team Rates

Names and contact information for each attendee will be required. Contact Sonia at solmos@oralhealthkansas to sign up your team or call 785-235-6039.

- 2 to 5 - \$45 per person
- 6 to 10 - \$40 per person
- 11 or more - \$35 per person

Classroom Rate

Dental and dental hygiene classes of 12 or more people can benefit from the Classroom rate and get a set of classroom discussion questions to guide conversations based on the subjects covered during the conference.

\$500 + a set of classroom discussion questions

Register for the conference [here!](#)

OHK Participates In The Medical Quality Improvement Learning Academy



Oral Health Kansas recently participated alongside other Kansas partners in the American Dental Association's Medicaid Quality Improvement Learning Academy pilot project. The Academy was an 18-month pilot launched in January 2019 that worked with three states, including Kansas, to create state teams that would address systemic challenges and make improvements in oral health care within their state Medicaid programs. The Kansas team's project focused on improving access to dental care for kids with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities enrolled in Sunflower Health Plan. Although the Academy has ended, the Kansas team, now called Dental Homes for Kids, continues to work on improving access to dental care for this important population. Find out more about the project at this year's Conference on Oral Health! Register [here!](#)

The ADA released a full report on the Medicaid Quality Improvement Learning Academy Pilot Project in August. Read more about the state team projects [here](#).

National Dental Hygiene Month

October is National Dental Hygiene Month. During the month of October, we celebrate the work of dental hygienists. During the COVID pandemic, dental clinics and offices have had to learn to work around their normal routines and adapt to recommended guidelines to prevent infection and control practices for routine dental healthcare delivery.

The American Dental Hygienists Association is partnering with Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to celebrate your courage in the face of adversity and promote good oral health for NDHM 2020. Submit a photo of how you face the day! Find out more information on the [American Dental Hygienists Association website!](#)

We also want to celebrate our very own hygienist! Dental Program Director, Kathy Hunt, RDH, ECPII, is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to oral health. We always learn something new from her!





Virtual Celebration With Judith Heumann

In honor of the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the University of Kansas will be having a virtual celebration [with special guest Judith Heumann](#). Heumann has been a leader, advocate and activist for the disability rights movement since the 1970s. She endured several experiences early in her years that fostered an activist spirit.

The virtual and free, two day event is October 28 and October 29 and will have [fascinating speakers](#) talking about issues such as disability rights, representation of disability in the media and how the American with Disabilities Act came about. This is a free virtual event. Each session requires registration. Register and find out more about the event [here](#).



RADM Timothy L. Ricks has been selected as the recipient of the 2020 Special Recognition Award by the Dr. Edward B. Shils Entrepreneurial Fund for his leadership throughout the pandemic. The award recognizes people, organizations, and programs that positively influence the dental community and the public oral health arena. RADM Tim Ricks attended our Conference on Oral Health in 2019 and was captivated by the work Kansas has done around oral health. Congratulations on your recognition!



Sugary Drink Display Sanitation

During this time, hand washing and social distancing is on everyone's mind. We want everyone to have the comfort of knowing we sanitize our sugary drink displays. They are wiped down and cleaned off after they have been returned.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending use of the Sugary Drink Display until further notice.



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