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Cavity prevention and you

Do you believe you have control over whether or not you get cavities? Over 40% of more than 1,000 U.S. adults surveyed believe they have little or no control over whether they get a cavity.



[Free dental care for](#)

Integration of oral health and primary health care

Oral health care is an important part of overall health. Oral health care and dental care has not always been a component of primary health care. In 2014, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) published a report entitled Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care Practice (IOHPCP). The IOHPCP initiative seeks to improve access to preventive oral health services and enhance the early detection of dental disease through expanding the oral health clinical competency of primary care clinicians.

The IOHPCP report outlines five domains which cut across a variety of clinical specialties and are required for successful integration of oral health with primary care. The five domains are: Risk Assessment, Oral Health Evaluation,

kids

For the month of February, Concorde Career College In Kansas City, Missouri, is providing free dental services to kids ages 1-18 through the [Give Kids A Smile Program](#).



Early tooth decay prevention

Tooth decay in children can begin as soon as they get teeth. [Forty two percent of children 2 to 11 have had dental caries in their primary teeth.](#) A child's first dental visit should be at the age of one. [Here](#) are some helpful tips to help prevent dental decay in children.



Drink Display

Our drink display has been a good education tool for National Children's Dental Health Month. All of our drink displays have been out this month in Hutchinson, Kismet, Junction City and several other areas of the state!

Book your drink display for next month! The drink display is free

Preventive Intervention, Communication and Education and Interprofessional Collaborative Practice. The five domains have been successfully implemented by five health centers around the United States. One of the health centers is in our very own state of Kansas, [Salina Family Healthcare](#) (SFHC). Salina Family Healthcare was interviewed about the model they use in their center to integrate both oral health care and primary health care. In addition to interviews, administrative data on the health centers were obtained from secondary data sources, including information reported to the Uniform Data System (UDS). The [report Integration of Oral Health with Primary Care In Health Centers: Profiles of Five Innovative Models](#) shows the results of the five domains for the five states.

SFHC employs four full-time dentists and four dental hygienists to meet the oral health needs of its patients. The staff also receives extensive training through the [Smiles for Life](#) program, which teaches them how to integrate oral health and primary health care. The goal at SFHC is to "reach as many patients with oral health services as possible."

Thank you, SFHC, for the work that you do to meet the needs of Kansans!



Periodontal disease intervention saves money

Periodontal disease is the result of

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infection and inflammation to the gums and bone that surrounds the teeth. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 47.2% of adults aged 30 years and older have some form of periodontal disease. Periodontal Disease increases with age, 70.1% of adults 65 years and older have periodontal disease.

People with diabetes are at risk for periodontal disease. Brushing, flossing daily and keeping up with dental check ups is very important for diabetics to continue to maintain as well as good blood glucose. An online report, The Relationship between Periodontal Interventions and Healthcare Costs and Utilization. Evidence from an Integrated Dental, Medical, and Pharmacy Commercial Claims Database, showed results that people with diabetes who had received periodontal intervention, had low health care costs. The authors found that among those individuals newly diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, a periodontal intervention was associated with a \$1,799 average reduction in total health care costs over two years.

The study also showed the importance of integrated models of oral and primary health, benefits overall health. "With health care moving toward integrated models with much more provider collaboration, we knew it was important to shed light on the benefits of oral health beyond the mouth."



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