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## Newton Dental Hygienist Recognized

*Maggie Smet Honored for Her Efforts to Improve Oral Health*

TOPEKA – At its recent annual conference, Oral Health Kansas, the statewide oral health coalition of approximately 200 individuals and organizations, recognized an area dental hygienist for her efforts to improve oral health for older Kansans.

Maggie Smet, RDH, of Newton, was honored with the organization's annual *Excellence in Oral Health* award as an Outstanding Clinician. Smet provides preventive dental care and education to elders through the use of an Extended Care Permit (ECP). Her ECP allows her to move beyond the traditional dental office to provide dental services in the community. According to Marcia Manter, Community Development Specialist with Oral Health Kansas, Smet should be considered a trailblazer in Kansas. Manter said, "Maggie laid the foundation for elders in long-term care facilities by expanding her services to eight facilities in four counties. In addition to her clinical work, she trains others on dental care for long-term care residents and serves as a mentor to other hygienists wanting to utilize an ECP."

Smet chooses to utilize her skills with elders; although, ECP hygienists can work in any number of settings, such as schools, after school programs, therapeutic centers for children in foster care or individuals with disabilities, early childhood centers, senior centers, local health departments or community health centers, such as the Health Ministries Clinic in Newton.

Teresa Schwab, Executive Director of Oral Health Kansas, said "Maggie is one of a growing number of hygienists utilizing Extended Care Permits to provide oral health services in the community. Her work in long term care

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facilities serves as a model for other dental hygienists and communities who are interested in providing preventive oral health services in the community. She is extremely committed to an issue that is often overlooked by the general public. Most of us take our oral health for granted, but Maggie knows that it is an important part of our overall health.”

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*Founded in 2003 as the statewide oral health coalition, Oral Health Kansas coordinates state-level policy initiatives focused on oral health prevention, access to dental care, oral health workforce, oral health status and leadership. The coalition's policy efforts focus on the most vulnerable Kansans, including children, pregnant women, individuals with disabilities, the elderly, those living in poverty and those living in rural areas of the state. Oral Health Kansas is a membership organization with over 200 members representing a diverse, multidisciplinary group of individuals and organizations, all working together to improve oral health in Kansas.*

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