Universal Provision of Oral Health Systems Change

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OUTLINE: Global Charter, Public Health, and Social Network Theory to Address Oral Health

• A Framework for Systems Change for Oral Health
• The Value of a Prevention Continuum for Improving Oral Health
• Emerging Public Health Frameworks
• Networks and Shifting Social Norms
• A Global Movement toward Better Oral Health
Challenges in Oral Health

- Isolated disciplines across research, education, training, clinical and economic models of the primary health agents in oral health
- High Cost of Dental Care
- Focused on restorative / urgent care protocols
- Missed links between Social Determinants and Oral Health
- Lack of Structural Framework to Address Societal Consequences of Oral Diseases
- Limited understanding of Importance of Oral Health to Overall Health/Wellbeing
## Considerations for a Prevention Continuum in Oral Health

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### Universal General Population
- Access to knowledge
- Anti-cavity agents
- Nutrition, and other health supports

### Targeted Community/Environmental Risks
- Known social determinants of poor health: structural, community, & family

### Indicated Identifiable Individual & Environmental Disease
- Lack of access to preventive tools (e.g. fluoride, gaps in nutrition and education)

Even with defined degrees of prevention & concepts; limitations prevail in linear functional designs.
Systems View at DentaQuest

Policy

Community

Optimal Oral Health

Financing

Care
Systems View at DentaQuest

Policy

- Primary Prevention
- Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Prevention

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Care

Community

Secondary & Tertiary Prevention
How to get there: One goal, many approaches

- Risk-Protective Factor Models
- Asset-Based Prevention – Resiliency Based Programs
- Socio-Ecological Model
- Health Coalitions
- PRECEED-PROCEED
- Community Based Participatory Research
- Community Engagement-Mobilization
- Community and National Alliances
- Collective Impact
- Social Norms
- For Benefit – Fourth Sector Models
Oral health is essential to lifelong health and wellbeing.

Improved health equity results in greater social justice.
Appreciating Eco-Systems as Pathways to Oral Health

- Core: relational framework, fostering collaborative
- Inclusive operation
- Measures progress in multi-dimensional forms and collective gains
- Relies on both practical and inspirational considerations among people, resources, growth and change dynamics, processes, and desired results
A Global Movement toward Better Oral Health

Emerging Networks that facilitates Enabler Functions