

ABSTRACT: 2018 ELAM Institutional Action Project

Project Title: Development of a *project plan* for a pilot project to integrate oral health/dentistry into the healthcare home at OHSU

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Topic Category (choose 1): Administration Clinical Education Faculty Development Research

Background/Significance of project:

Most recently, interprofessional education has been a curriculum standard in medical and dental education. However, there are very few interprofessional practice models that exist that include medicine and dentistry. Additionally, evidence continues to evolve that shows that the overall health of patients is improved and medical costs decrease when oral health is included and emphasized in the healthcare home.

Purpose/Objective:

To integrate oral health and dentistry into the primary care health care home at Oregon Health and Science University by creating an interprofessional practice model.

Methods/Approach/Evaluation Strategy:

1. Put together proposal, needs assessment and identify best practices *
2. Identify stakeholders*
3. Meet with stakeholders and get "buy in"*
4. Identify clinicians that will participate*
5. Identify location and capital needs*
6. Identify funding resources*
8. Complete road map/plan*
9. Procure pilot project funding
10. Implement pilot project
11. Determine outcomes assessment and methods of evaluation

Outcomes/Results:

The primary outcome of this project is completion of the plan for the pilot project.

Long-term outcomes include:

1. Demonstrating the benefits of integrating oral health into the primary care healthcare home at OHSU, including showing improvement in overall health of our patients by tracking specific parameters in specific patient populations (eg: HgbA1C control in diabetic patients)
2. Integration of the interprofessional education curriculum to include this clinical experience

Conclusion/Statement of Potential Impact:

By integrating oral health into the patient primary healthcare home, the potential impacts are the following:

1. Better training for our primary care providers in medicine and dentistry
2. Improving health outcomes for our patients and decreasing costs
3. Enhancing our educational models in medicine and dentistry