

Population Health Driver Diagram to Increase Use of Oral Health Care

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AIM

Increase the proportion of children, adolescents, and adults who use oral health care

Goals

- Reduce the costs of oral health care for consumers
- Increase availability and use of oral health care in underserved communities
- Increase availability and use of oral health care for high-risk populations
- Increase availability and use of oral health care for school-aged children

PRIMARY DRIVERS

Education About Importance and Urgency

Broad Access to Preventive Care and Treatment

Infrastructure and Capacity

Data Monitoring and Risk Assessment

SECONDARY DRIVERS

Patient, Population, Provider Knowledge

- Reduce fear of oral health care procedures
- Increase knowledge of comorbidities
- Outreach to high-risk and underserved groups
- Educate about available insurance coverage for oral health care
- Educate dental students and hygienists about oral health as a population health issue

Diverse Care Settings, Affordability

- Provide clinics in non-traditional, convenient settings
- Increase employer-provided dental plans
- Expand use of and insurance coverage for dental hygienists and other non-DDS providers, especially for school-based dental sealants
- Train primary care providers in oral health screening for children and women of childbearing age

Professional Training, Partnerships, Planning

- Incentivize providers who treat the underserved
- Train dental students in clinic settings and with allied-health professionals
- Train primary care providers to provide basic oral health screening

Surveillance, Analysis, Feedback

- Identify high-risk populations with comorbidities
- Identify individuals whose behavior contributes to poor oral health
- Survey fluoridation of water sources and access to water systems with optimal fluoride levels