

Growing the Dental Practice with Wellness

Saving Mouths, Saving Lives!

Prioritizing Dental Care in Today's Economy

- 35% of patients plan to reduce dental visits
- Fewer patients are accepting treatment
- Market for cosmetic procedures is down
- Patients have less discretionary income
- Average practice income down

Many patients don't understand the connection between oral health and their overall health.



Wellness Education is the Key

Educated patients:

- Maintain dental visits
- Accept recommended treatment
- Comply with home care
- Improve their health
- Share knowledge with friends and family

Educated patients understand how oral health impacts their overall health.



Dental Office: Front Line of Health

"Dentists are often the first professional to become aware of a potential problem since they are usually in contact with their patients more frequently than are physicians."

J. Michael Owen, DDS, FAGD

Academy of General Dentistry spokesperson



Dental Office: Front Line of Health

- Patients should visit the dentist at least twice a year.
- Often, patients see their primary care physician only once a year or less.
- Many patients today do not have a primary care physician.
- Dental visits last longer and give the patient more face time with health providers.



- 78% of the adult population has some form of periodontal disease
- 90% of patients 55–64 years of age have moderate to severe periodontal disease

What percentage of your patients do you think have periodontal disease?

Sources: American Academy of Periodontology and American Dental Association



 Periodontal disease is dangerously undertreated with only 3% of the population currently receiving treatment.

Is your periodontal treatment program running as effectively as you would like?

Sources: American Academy of Periodontology



Patients with severe periodontal disease have total health care costs that are 21% higher than those of patients without periodontal disease

Source: The Journal of Periodontology



Pregnant women with periodontal disease are at a much higher risk to deliver a premature, low birth-weight baby

How much higher?



- The use of alcohol during pregnancy increases the probability of having a
 P L B W B by 1 ½ times.
- Smoking increases the probability 1 time
- Smoking and drinking during pregnancy increases the probability of having a P L B W B by 2 ½ times.



Women with periodontal disease during pregnancy are 7 times more likely to deliver a premature, low birth weight baby!



Premature low birth-weight babies are the #2 cause of infant deaths in America today.

Infants are almost twice as likely to die from PLBW than S.I.D.S!



Men who have periodontal disease have a 63% higher risk of developing pancreatic cancer*



*Journal of the National Cancer Institute



- 36,000 new cases of oral cancer are diagnosed each year
- Only ½ the people diagnosed with oral cancer are alive in 5 years
- One person dies every hour from oral cancer
- Oral Cancer kills more people than skin cancer and cervical cancer combined

Sources: American Dental Association and Oral Cancer Foundation



- Reducing sleep from 7 hours to 5 doubles risk of cardiovascular death
- Sleep apnea victims lose up to 20 years of their lives
- Sleep apnea sufferers are 23 times more likely to have a heart attack

Source: American Academy of Sleep Medicine



- Habitual snoring affects an estimated 24% of adult women and 40% of adult men
- The Institute of Medicine reports 50 70 million Americans suffer from chronic sleep disorders
- An estimated 18 million Americans have obstructive sleep apnea
- 80% 90% of sleep apnea sufferers remain undiagnosed and untreated

Source: American Academy of Sleep Medicine



- People with periodontal disease are almost twice as likely to suffer from coronary artery disease as those without
- Periodontal disease can exacerbate existing heart conditions
- Heart disease is the leading killer of men and women in the United States

Sources: American Heart Association and American Academy of Periodontology



- Diabetic patients are more likely to develop periodontal disease, which can increase diabetic complications, endangering health
- Research shows periodontal disease treatment can improve management of diabetes
- One in four people affected with type 2 diabetes remain undiagnosed

Source: American Academy of Periodontology



How do you educate Patients?

- Educated and unified dental team
- Consistent message
- Patient resources
- Ask the right questions
- Current and relevant information and training



First Step in Education: Information Gathering

Total Health Checklist establishes a baseline of health to quickly act on areas of concern.

Total Health Checklist



This information will assist the dental professionals in assessing both your oral health and its impact on your overall health. Please answer completely to the best of your knowledge.

Height	Weight	
How frequently	have you been brushing your teeth?	
How frequently	have you been flossing your teeth?	
Do your gums b	leed?yes	no
Are your gums s	ore or swollen?	no
Have your gums	receded (do teeth look longer)?yes	no
Are your teeth l	oose?yes	no
Do you smoke o	or use tobacco products?	no
Do you drink ex	cessively?	no
Do you have a p	ersistent sore throat or ear pain?yes	no
Do you have un	explained numbness or pain in the face/neck/mouth?yes	no
Do you have a s	ore or lesion on the lips or mouth that has persisted for 2 weeks or more?yes	no
Do you have chi	ronic hoarseness?yes	no
Do you have dif	ficulty chewing, swallowing, or moving the jaw or tongue?yes	no
Do you have a lu	ump or thickening in the cheek?yes	no
Do you snore or	have you been told in the past you snore?	no
Do you regularly	y have excessive daytime sleepiness?yes	no
Have you been o	diagnosed with sleep apnea?	no
Do you have a h	eart condition?yes	no
Is there a history	y of heart disease in your immediate family?	no
Do you have a fa	amily history of diabetes?	no
Do you have hig	th cholesterol?	no
Do you have any	y other health conditions?	no
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Record Blood Pr	essure	



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First Step in Education: Information Gathering

Using the Total Health Checklist, screenings and diagnostics can help you find health issues in the early, treatable stages.







Saving Mouths, Saving Lives

Help save more than just teeth – save lives!

"Velscope saved my patient's life. Using a Velscope exam, I was able to visualize the oral source of the cancer. The surgeon removed it, and the patient is still with us over 6 years later. Velscope literally saved her life."

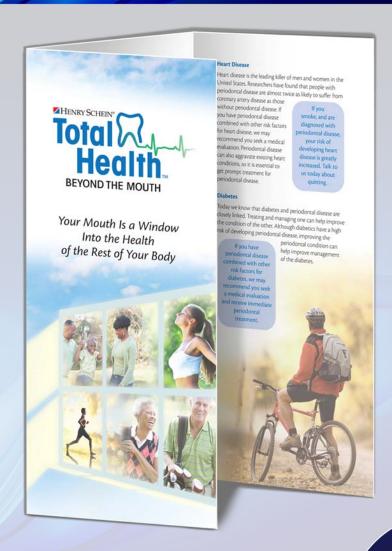
Anthony Palombaro, DDS Binghamton, NY



Educate Patients

Total Health Patient Education Brochure

When patient submits
 completed Total Health Checklist,
 front desk team provides patient
 with brochure and asks patient to
 read before appointment begins





Educate Patients

Total Health program increases awareness of the oral systemic health connection.

Oral Health Affects Total Health

When gums become infected and inflamed from periodontal disease, bacteria in plaque can spread and grow below the gum line. The bacteria can then enter into the blood stream and travel to major organs and begin new infections. Ongoing research suggests that periodontal disease may be linked to heart disease,

osteoporosis, and diabetes.

If you show signs of periodontal disease, we may prescribe further testing to rule out associated conditions.



Educate Patients

Total Health program reinforces the value of oral care.

Ideal Oral Healthcare

Daily brushing and flossing will help keep calculus formation to a minimum, but it won't completely prevent it. A professional dental cleaning at least twice a year is necessary to remove calculus from places your toothbrush and floss may have missed. Studies demonstrate that including flossing as part of your oral

care routine can actually help reduce the amount of periodontal disease-causing bacteria found in the mouth, therefore contributing to healthy teeth and gums.

Ask us about a regular cleaning schedule designed for your needs



Total Health education prepares patients for news of potential health concerns.

Diabetes

Today we know that diabetes and periodontal disease are closely linked. Treating and managing one can help improve the condition of the other. Although diabetics have a high risk of developing periodontal disease, improving the

If you have periodontal disease combined with other risk factors for diabetes, we may recommend you seek

Oral Cancer

36,000 new cases of oral cancer are diagnosed each year.



50 - 70 million Americans suffer from chronic sleep disorders like habitual snoring and sleep apnea. While snoring can be harmless, it can

also be a sign of sleep apnea, which occurs when the tongue falls back into the throat during sleep, blocking the airway.

Heart Disease

Heart disease is the leading killer of men and women in the United States. Researchers have found that people with periodontal disease are almost twice as likely to suffer from

coronary artery disease as those without periodontal disease. If you have periodontal disease combined with other risk factors for heart disease, we may recommend you seek a medical evaluation. Periodontal disease can also aggravate existing heart conditions, so it is essential to get prompt treatment for periodontal disease.

If you smoke, and are diagnosed with periodontal disease, your risk of developing heart disease is greatly increased – talk to us about quitting today.



a medical evaluation

and receive immediate

periodontal

treatment.

Total Health Patient Guide reviews brochure information chairside and provides potential screening and treatment options.



Patient Guide

Periodontal disease is a serious inflammatory condition, caused by a bacterial infection. As the disease progresses, the pockets deepen and more gum tissue and bone are destroyed. Teeth can become loose and fall out. Although good oral care can help prevent periodontal disease, research shows that up to 30% of the population may be genetically susceptible to the disease. Despite oral care habits, these people may be six times more likely to develop periodontal



Screening Options

Periodontal Evaluation Saliva Testing

Treatment Options Scaling and Root Planing

Periodontal Surgery Referral to a Periodontist

Screening Options

Oral Cancer Screening

Oral Cancer

Although we perform a visual examination for oral cancer, occasionally there are lesions in the mouth that are not visible to the eye. We may use an oral cancer screening device to check for abnormal tissue. At least one strain of HPV is now linked to the development of oral cancer. HPV is a common, sexually transmitted virus that has infected more than 20 million people in the United States. Many do not realize they are infected, since HPV often has no signs or symptoms. We may recommend a saliva test to check for HPV and determine your risk level for oral cancer.

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genetic risk and current level of periodontal disease.



Treatment Options

Saliva Testing

Biopsy

Referral to a Physician

Sleep Disorders

While snoring can be harmless, it can also be a sign of sleep apnea, which occurs when the tongue falls back into the throat during sleep, blocking the airway. Untreated, sleep apnea can contribute to excessive daytime sleepiness as well as an increased risk for high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, diabetes, obesity, and driving accidents. If you have signs of a sleep disorder, we may recommend an at-home sleep test.





Screening Options

Epworth Sleepiness Scale www.aadsm.org/selftest.aspx Home Testing or Sleep Clinic

Treatment Options

Referral to a Physician Oral Appliance Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) Therapy

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Screening Options Periodontal Evaluation

Heart Disease Risk Factors Review

Treatment Options

Referral to a Physician Treatment of Periodontal Disease Smoking Cessation Program

Today, we know that diabetes and periodontal disease are closely linked. Treating and managing one can help improve the condition of the other. Although diabetics have a high risk of developing periodontal disease, improving the periodontal condition can help improve management of the diabetes. If you have periodontal disease combined with other risk factors for diabetes, we may recommend you seek a medical evaluation and receive immediate periodontal treatment.



Screening Options Periodontal Evaluation Diabetes Risk Test

diabetes.org/risktest **Treatment Options**

Referral to a Physician Treatment of Periodontal Disease

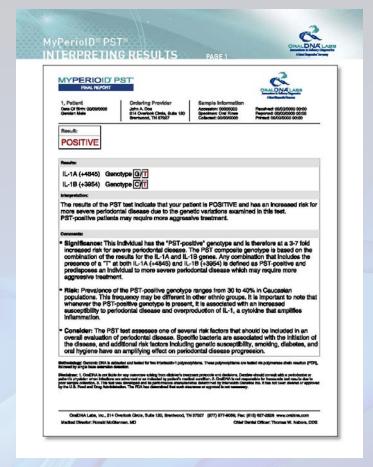


For more information on Oral Systemic Health, please visit www.aaosh.org

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Intra oral images and clinical test results reinforce your diagnosis and treatment plan and help increase case acceptance.







Increase patient referrals to other care providers, ensuring patients receive the care they need and protect their health.



Total Health Components

- Periodontal Disease
- Oral Cancer
- Sleep Disorders
- Heart Disease
- Diabetes



Periodontal Disease

- Foundation of Total Health
- Strong periodontal management will support all other wellness efforts
- Periodontal health must be addressed with every patient in the practice



Periodontal Disease: Connections

- Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes
- Heart Disease and Stroke
- Weakened Immune System
- Diabetes
- Pancreatic Cancer
- Alzheimer's
- Osteoporosis
- Arthritis

Sources: American Academy of Periodontology and Journal of the National Cancer Institute



Periodontal Disease: Plan of Action

- Address all symptoms of periodontal disease reported on Total Health Checklist with patient
- If patient is considering pregnancy, review the study that links fertility and oral health*

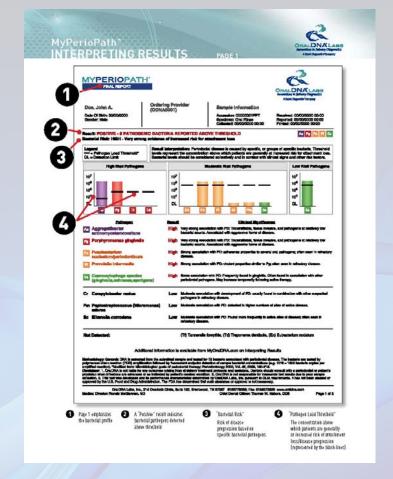
How frequently have you been brushing your teeth?	
How frequently have you been flossing your teeth?	
Do your gums bleed?yes	no
Are your gums sore or swollen?	no
Have your gums receded (do teeth look longer)?	no
Are your teeth loose?yes	no

^{*}http://www.dental-tribune.com/articles/content/id/5552/scope/news/region/europe



Periodontal Disease: Plan of Action

Perform a saliva test on patients to evaluate genetic risk and identify types and levels of bacteria present in the mouth





Periodontal Disease: Insurance

- Proper documentation and coding maximizes insurance reimbursement for periodontal treatment
- Request a Periodontal Management
 Presentation from Henry Schein to ensure your practice is properly documenting and coding periodontal treatments



Oral Cancer: Facts

- Why is oral cancer so deadly? Late Detection
- Early detection is the key to saving lives
- When discovered in early stages, the survival rate leaps to 80% - 90%

Source: SEER, National Cancer Institute



Oral Cancer: Facts

Advanced screening tools can help you detect abnormal tissue that can not been seen with the eye, aiding in early detection.





Velscope images courtesy of Dr. Samson Ng



Oral Cancer: Signs and Symptoms

- White or red patch of tissue, wart-like masses
- Lump or mass which can be felt inside the mouth or neck
- Pain or difficulty swallowing, speaking, or chewing
- Chronic hoarseness
- Numbness in the oral/facial region
- Unilateral, persistent ear ache or sore throat

Source: Oral Cancer Foundation



Oral Cancer: Risk Factors

- ☐ Smoking or use of other tobacco products
- **☐** Excessive alcohol consumption
- ☐ HPV virus

Source: Oral Cancer Foundation



Oral Cancer: HPV

- More than 20 million people in the United States are infected with HPV and there are approximately 6 million new cases each year.
- Some oral cancers are linked to HPV exposure
 - Perform a saliva test for HPV to assess risk of oral cancer
 - Create a standard of care for addressing both HPV and oral cancer in your practice

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Oral Cancer Foundation



Oral Cancer: Plan of Action

- Talk to every patient during your visual inspection: tell them what you're looking for
- Ask patients to perform self-checks between visits and contact you about any lesions that do not heal within 14 days
- Set a standard of care for advanced screenings based on symptoms and risk factors reported on Total Health Checklist

Source: Oral Cancer Foundation



Oral Cancer: Insurance

- CDT Code DO431: adjunctive tests intended to aid in oral mucosal examinations including premalignant and malignant lesions
- VELscope examination should be coded DO431
- Increasing numbers of dental insurance plans are covering DO431



Sleep Disorders: Connections

- Daytime fatigue
- High blood pressure
- Heart attack and stroke
- Depression/anxiety
- Memory and concentration problems
- Driving accidents
- Reduced quality of life

Source: American Academy of Sleep Medicine



Sleep Disorders: Signs and Symptoms

- □ Snoring
- ☐ Excessive daytime sleepiness
- ☐ Being overweight/obese
- □ Neck size of 17+ inches for men, 16+ for women

Source: American Academy of Sleep Medicine



Patients reporting signs and symptoms of sleep disorders should complete the Epworth Sleepiness Scale.

Epworth Sleepiness Scale

How likely are you to doze off or fall asleep in the following situations? Answer considering how you have felt over the past week or so.

0 = Would never doze

1 = Slight chance of dozing

2 = Moderate chance of dozing

3 = High chance of dozing

Sitting and reading	
2. Watching TV	
3. Sitting inactive in a public place (e.g., theater or meeting)	
4. As a passenger in a car for an hour without a break	
5. Lying down to rest in the afternoon when able	
6. Sitting and talking to someone	
7. Sitting quietly after a lunch without alcohol	
8. In a car while stopped for a few minutes in traffic	



- Scores of 10+ should be tested for sleep apnea
- The majority of patients prefer home testing to a sleep clinic

 After dentist administers home test, a sleep physician will make a diagnosis and treatment recommendation

based on the results

Source: American Academy of Sleep Medicine



No Apnea

Snoring Treatments Mild to Moderate Apnea

Oral Appliance

Severe Apnea

Referral to Sleep Physician

Source: American Academy of Sleep Medicine



If you are not currently treating sleep disorders in your practice, Henry Schein can help you implement a complete sleep solutions program.





Sleep Disorders: Insurance

- Medical insurance coverage is available for the treatment of sleep apnea with oral appliance therapy
- Software is available to help document and process these claims for the dental office





Sleep Disorders

"I think that in 10 years, Dental Sleep Medicine (DSM) will be incorporated into every dental school and that learning Oral Appliance Therapy will be a requirement for every dental student. Dentists trained in DSM offer huge benefits to their patients and society."

Dr. Leopoldo Correa Tufts Dental School



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Sources: American Heart Association and American Academy of Periodontology



Heart Disease: Risk Factors

- □ Smoking
- ☐ Immediate family history
- ☐ High cholesterol
- ☐ High blood pressure

Source: American Heart Association



Patients reporting current heart conditions or risk factors for heart disease on their Total Health Checklist should receive comprehensive periodontal exams.

Source: American Academy of Periodontology

Do you have a heart condition?	. yes	no
Is there a history of heart disease in your immediate family?	. yes	no



Patients with moderate to severe periodontal disease who reported 1 major risk factor should consider a medical evaluation if they have not had one in the past 12 months.

Source: The American Journal of Cardiology and Journal of Periodontology



Patients with moderate to severe periodontal disease who reported 2 major risk factors should be referred for a medical evaluation if they have not received one in the past 12 months.

Source: The American Journal of Cardiology and Journal of Periodontology



Patients with moderate to severe periodontal disease who smoke tobacco should be educated about their increased risk of heart disease and advised to quit smoking.

Source: The American Journal of Cardiology and Journal of Periodontology



Heart disease can strike anyone at any time. Keep a working AED device in your office.







Diabetes: Facts

- One in four people affected with type 2 diabetes remain undiagnosed
- Diabetic patients are more likely to develop periodontal disease, which can increase diabetic complications, endangering health
- Research shows periodontal disease treatment can improve management of diabetes

Source: American Academy of Periodontology



Diabetes: Risk Factors

- ☐ Family history of diabetes
- ☐ High cholesterol
- ☐ Elevated blood pressure
- □ Overweight/obese



Diabetes: Plan of Action

- Patients with periodontal disease reporting 1 or more risk factors for diabetes should be referred to a physician
- Patients at risk for diabetes should receive immediate treatment for periodontal disease to avoid diabetic complications

Source: American Academy of Periodontology



Implementing Total Health Program

- 1. Every patient completes the Total Health Checklist
- 2. Every patient reads the Total Health Brochure
- 3. Dental team reviews the completed checklist with patient and captures any missing information

Hygienist: "Is there anything else the dental team should be aware of? Do you have any questions after reading the brochure?"



Implementing Total Health Program

4. If checklist indicates areas of concern, laminated Patient Guide is provided for review chairside in preparation for health discussion

Hygienist:

"According to the checklist, you indicated possible signs of _____. In order to fully address your oral health we must first address your total health. Please read the section on _____ and the dentist will discuss the next steps in your care."



Implementing Total Health Program

5. Office promotes Total Health participation with posters, table displays, electronic resources



Total Health Pricing

Total Health Kit (125-0112) \$89.99

- -4 pads of 100 checklists (125-0107) \$6.99/pad
- -3 packs of 133 brochures (125-0108) \$19.99/pack
- 1 Patient Guide (125-0110) \$4.99/each
- 1 Poster (125-0111) \$6.99/each
- 1 Table Display (125-0109) \$5.99/each

Total Health Reorder Kit (125-0113) \$75.99

- -4 pads of 100 checklists
- -3 packs of 133 brochures



My Role in Total Health

- Provide certification of office's Total Health training
- Help implement any services not currently offered
- Follow up to ensure successful implementation
- Provide ongoing updates and information related to Total Health and wellness

