

# INTEGRATED CARE SUMMIT

May 15 - 17, 2026 | Broomfield, CO



## Bridging the Gaps to Whole-Person Care

### Schedule of Events

#### Pre-conference / Arrival Day

Time	Activity					
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Afternoon Wellness Activity					Golf clinic lessons
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Afternoon Wellness Activity					Golf clinic lessons

#### Day 1 – Building the Foundation for Integrated Care

Theme: *Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility*

Time	Activity	Track	CE Eligible Professions	Level	# of CEs	Speaker & Description
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration & Coffee Networking		N/A	N/A		<i>Check-in, materials pick-up, networking with colleagues and interprofessional guests.</i>
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks		N/A	N/A		<b>Lancette VanGuilder, BS, RDH, PHEDH, CEAS, FADHA &amp; JoAnn Gurenlian, RDH, MS, PhD, AAFAAOM, FADHA</b>

						<i>Overview of goals, CE credits, and engagement tips.</i>
<b>9:15 am – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Opening Plenary – Building a BRIDGE to Medical-Dental Integration</b>		All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES PharmD, BH)	Introductory (I)	<b>.75 CE / CME</b>	<i>Speaker shares current evidence, policy updates, and future trends in oral-systemic-behavioral health collaboration.</i>
<b>10:00 am – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>					<i>Mini pop-ups with oral cancer self-screening demos, blood pressure checks, or ergonomic stretch instruction, hydration station—bridging health promotion with interaction.</i>
<b>10:15 am – 11:15 am</b>	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Choose One)</b>					
	<b>Session 1 – Avoiding and Managing Complications in Implant Dentistry: A Medical–Dental Approach</b>		RDH, DT, MD/DO, DDS/DMD, RN, NP/PA	Intermediate (II)	<b>1.0 CE / CME</b>	<b><i>Mohamad Attia, DDS, MAGD, DABOI, FAAID, DICOI</i></b> Successful implant therapy extends beyond surgical technique and prosthetic planning; it requires a thorough understanding of the patient’s medical status, systemic health, and medication profile, and how these factors directly influence healing, osseointegration, and long-term implant success. Many implant complications arise not solely from technical errors, but from inadequate assessment of systemic risk factors such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, autoimmune conditions, smoking history, sleep apnea,

						and parafunctional habits, as well as the use of medications including bisphosphonates, anticoagulants, antiplatelet agents, steroids, SSRIs, and immunosuppressive therapies.
	<b>Session 2 – Enhancing Access for Patients with Diabetes through Oral Health Integration</b>	Diabetes Management Across Disciplines	RDH, DT, CDA/RDA, DDS/DMD	Introductory (I)	<b>1.0 CE / CME</b>	<b><i>Candace Owen, RDH, MS, MPH- NNOHA</i></b> Research continues to support the relationship between oral health and diabetes. Since 2020, National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) has conducted national quality improvement collaboratives to implement integration of diabetes and oral health care (IDOH) programs as a strategy to increase access to care and manage diabetes outcomes. Participating health centers utilize the system-level framework and quality improvement methodology to implement new systems of care for patients with diabetes. Health centers gain clinical knowledge on diabetes and oral health and best practices for patient-centered, holistic management of diabetes and oral health conditions. This session will review the findings from three cohorts of NNOHA’s Integration of Diabetes and Oral Health Learning Collaborative and describe how lessons learned from these collaboratives can be utilized in various types of healthcare settings.

	<b>Session 3 – Discussing the Evidence and Use in Oral Care Products</b>	Workforce Collaboration	MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH	Advanced (III)	<b>1.0 CE / CME</b>	<b>Derek Gatta, DMD, MS</b> The presentation objective is to inform the audience on Hydroxyapatite’s (HA) role as a re-mineralizing agent in prophylactic oral health care. HA has been available for decades, but its use in the US market is very small. HA’s therapeutic benefits include remineralization, sensitivity relief, and building a bio-mimetic enamel-like shield around the tooth. This discussion will dive into the history of HA, the chemical structure, differences between micro and nano particles, and the mechanism of action and therapeutic benefits.
<b>11:20 am – 12:20 pm</b>	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</b> <i>(Choose One)</i>					
	<b>Session 1 – Integrated Care Pathways: Connecting Oral, Physical, and Behavioral Health</b>	Behavioral Health & Oral Care	All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES PharmD, BH)	Intermediate (II)	<b>1.0 CE / CME</b>	<b>Ashleigh Kirk, MSW- Colorado Oral Health</b> At the foundation of our work as healthcare providers, health must be considered as a whole in order to meet an individual’s unique physical, mental, emotional, and social needs. Oral health and behavioral health have many bidirectional effects on overall well-being. In recognition of the significant connection between oral health and behavioral health, this session will cover the data demonstrating bidirectional impacts and the resources tools for

						behavioral health and oral health interprofessional collaborations.
	<p><b>Session 2 – Interoperability in Practice: Advancing Connected Care with Dentrix Ascend and AI</b></p>	<p>Periodontal Disease &amp; Systemic Health</p>	<p>All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES PharmD, BH)</p>	<p>Intermediate (II)</p>	<p><b>1.0 CE / CME</b></p>	<p><b>Victoria Martinec, RDH</b>  As dentistry becomes increasingly connected, hygienists are at the center of a growing flow of patient information—from medical histories and imaging to clinical documentation and care coordination. The ability to access and use that information seamlessly is key to delivering more complete, patient-centered care.</p> <p>In this session, we’ll explore how interoperability within Dentrix Ascend helps practices bring clinical, imaging, and patient health data together in one connected platform—making it easier to see the full picture of a patient’s health and support more informed clinical decisions.</p> <p>Attendees will learn how connected health records can improve collaboration across the care team, strengthen communication between dental and medical providers, and help practices deliver more coordinated care.</p> <p>The session will also introduce emerging AI-powered capabilities within Dentrix Ascend, including voice AI and ambient documentation tools designed to reduce</p>

						<p>time spent on charting and administrative tasks in the operatory. These innovations help streamline workflows, support more accurate documentation, and allow clinicians to stay focused on what matters most—patient care.</p> <p>Through practical workflow examples, participants will see how cloud technology and AI are beginning to transform the day-to-day experience in modern dental practices, improving efficiency while enhancing the patient experience.</p>
	<p><b>Session 3 – Microbiomes, Mothers, and Minds: The Diet–Oral–Gut–Brain Axis</b></p>	<p>Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes</p>	<p>All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES PharmD, BH)</p>	<p>Advanced (III)</p>	<p><b>1.0 CE / CME</b></p>	<p><b>Mark Cannon, DDS, MS</b></p> <p>This lecture explores the intricate interplay between maternal diet, oral and gut microbiomes, and child development through the lens of the diet–oral–gut–brain axis. We investigate the impact of dysbiosis on maternal periodontal health, placental integrity, and fetal outcomes, including preterm birth and neurodevelopmental disorders. Drawing on landmark studies, we highlight how oral pathogens and exosomes can translocate to the uterus and trigger adverse outcomes like miscarriage and stillbirth. We discuss the benefits of early maternal-child interventions and the new state-led maternal-child initiatives with their long-term impact on preventing Early Childhood Caries (ECC) and promoting systemic health. The lecture also</p>

						introduces emerging insights into nasal microbiome development and its overlap with oral flora, referencing work on microbiome cross-talk and its impact on neurodevelopmental outcomes. Finally, we define the role of oral healthcare professionals as frontline public health advocates, capable of shaping maternal-child health trajectories through microbiome-informed care and education.
<b>12:30 pm – 1:15 pm</b>	<b>Networking Lunch &amp; Exhibit all</b>		N/A	N/A		<i>Fuel up and dive in. Enjoy a hosted networking lunch while connecting with peers, industry partners, and hands-on activation stations designed to bring integrated care to life. Explore interactive experiences like <b>dry mouth assessments and A1c testing</b>—all while discovering innovative tools and solutions that support whole-person care. Eat, connect, explore and experience integration in action.</i>
<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b>	<b>Hands-On Workshop #1: Simulation Lab: Oral Cancer Screening: It's More Than Grasping the Tongue</b>	Oral Cancer Early Detection	RDH, DT, MD/DO, DDS/DMD, RN, NP/PA, PharmD	Advanced (III)	<b>1.0 CE / CME</b>	<b>Susan Cotten, BSDH, RDH, OMT</b> Early detection saves lives, and a comprehensive head and neck exam, oral and oropharyngeal screening are critical to the early detection of oral and oropharyngeal cancer. This hands-on workshop unpacks the components of a comprehensive screening, teaches clinical skills to perform a comprehensive screening, using case presentations to

						<p>support why each component is important and should not be skipped.</p> <p>Using instructional screening videos and step-by-step explanations, attendees learn proper extraoral and intraoral screening and palpation techniques, focusing on a thyroid assessment, palpating lymph nodes, and a comprehensive intraoral screening to include an assessment of the oropharynx where HPV associated cancers present. Attendees will don masks and gloves for hands-on work and receive their own screening packet to take and support implementation.</p>
<b>2:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>		N/A	N/A		<i>A short, guided breathing/stretch session, then pair participants with someone from another discipline for a “share one wellness hack you use with patients” exchange.</i>
<b>2:45 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</b> <i>(Choose One)</i>					
	<b>Session 1 – Collaborating to Address Access and Improve Overall Health</b>	Health Equity & Access	RDH, DT, MD/DO, DDS/DMD, RN, NP/PA	Intermediate (II)	<b>1.25 CE / CME</b>	<p><b>Matt Crespin, RDH, MPH; Constance Gundacker, MD, MPH, FAAP</b></p> <p>Oral health is integral to overall health. Across the US there are millions of children and families that visit a physician and don’t see or have access to a dental provider. Innovative solutions to integrate dental providers into medical settings are happening in places like Wisconsin, Ohio</p>

						and Colorado and are possible in many other places without any legislative policy change. This session will explore the opportunities available for medical dental integration (MDI) and share the feasibility of implementing this model in your community. Patient and family perspectives on MDI experience will be shared, as well as practical strategies for improved community engagement. Providing preventive dental services at well visits where children or pregnant women are already receiving care is a model allowing greater access to necessary oral health care.
	<b>Session 2– From Parched to Practical: Xerostomia Isn’t Just a Nuisance— It’s a Treatment Opportunity</b>				<b>1.25 CE / CME</b>	<b>From Parched to Practical: Xerostomia Isn’t Just a Nuisance—It’s a Treatment Opportunity</b> Dry mouth isn’t just uncomfortable—it’s a clinical red flag. In this course, we’ll explore why xerostomia deserves more than a passing mention in your patient protocols and how it can unlock better treatment outcomes, stronger compliance, and elevated patient satisfaction. We’ll break down the latest data, practical tools, and modern protocols that make managing dry mouth feel less like a guessing game and more like a real solution. From product innovation to patient communication hacks, you’ll walk away with a clear, no-fluff

						<p>approach to managing xerostomia with confidence.</p> <p>Whether you're treating medically compromised patients or managing complex care plans, this course will shift how you see saliva—and why it's time we all stopped ignoring the dry elephant in the room</p>
	<b>Session 3 – Screening, Early Intervention &amp; Interprofessional Protocols</b>	Behavioral Health & Oral Care	All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES PharmD, BH)	Intermediate (II)	<b>1.25 CE</b>	<p><b>Lisa Mayo, RDH, BSDH, MHA</b></p> <p>This course will teach dental providers how to pair advanced early caries diagnostics (AI, fluorescence, infrared) with the procedure Guided Hydroxyapatite Generation (GHG). GHG uses a non-invasive biomimetic solution to treat early dental caries and preserve a patient's natural tooth structure. Through a fully integrated workflow, attendees will gain practical skills in patient triage, lesion detection, treatment application, patient communication, and seamless implementation into daily practice.</p> <p><b>**Not eligible to CME credit</b></p>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Day 1 Wrap-Up Discussion</b>		N/A	Open to all		<b>Lancette VanGuilder, BS, RDH, PHEDH, CEAS, FADHA</b>
<b>5:00 pm – 7:00pm</b>	<b>Evening Reception</b>		N/A	Open to all		
					<b>5.25</b>	

## Day 2 – Putting Integration into Practice

Theme: *Collaboration in Action*

Time	Activity		CE Eligible Professions	Level	# of CEs	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Coffee & Peer Connection		Open to all	Open to all		
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Plenary Panel		All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES PharmD, BH)	Introductory (I)	1.0 CE / CME	<i>Breaking Down Silos – Stories from the Field</i> <i>Panelists share successes and lessons learned</i>
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Wellness Break		Open to all	N/A		<i>Tabletop prompts (e.g., “What oral-systemic link do you wish you understood better?”).</i>
9:45 am – 11:00 am	<b>Hands-On Workshop #2: Trauma-Informed Care for Pediatric Dental, Medical, Behavioral Health</b>	Team-Based Care & Workforce	RDH, DT, MD/DO, DDS/DMD, RN, NP, PharmD	Intermediate (II)	1.25 CE / CME	<b>Cynthia Stull, DHSc, RDH</b> This workshop addresses the challenge of providing integrated dental care to adopted and foster children who often lack access and present with trauma-related oral health issues. Learn how a dental hygienist functions as a critical member of an interprofessional team (Pediatrics, Psychology, OT) conducting trauma-informed assessments. Participants will practice using best practice remote communication strategies for translating specialized dental findings into language

						useful for virtual medical teams. Key takeaways include actionable tips for modifying assessment techniques for anxious children and practical experience in collaborative communication. Leave with the skills to elevate your role in holistic patient management and advocacy for pediatric patients who have experienced trauma and instability.
<b>11:00 am – 12:15 pm</b>	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</b> <i>(Choose One)</i>					
	<b>Session 1- Managing Dental Disease with a Medical Mindset: Reactive to Proactive</b>	Fluoride Varnish and SDF in Primary Care	All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES PharmD, BH)	Intermediate (II)	<b>1.25 CE / CME</b>	<p><b>Jessica Woods, MPH, RDH, FADHA, Hayley Buckner, RDH, BS, FADHA</b></p> <p>This course empowers dental and medical professionals to view caries and periodontal disease not as isolated issues, but as chronic, recurring conditions requiring long-term, patient-centered management. Drawing parallels to systemic chronic diseases, the session highlights how oral conditions fluctuate, relapse, and progress similarly to other health challenges.</p> <p>Participants will learn how to integrate a chronic care model into dental and medical practice, with an emphasis on early detection, prevention, behavioral support, and ongoing monitoring. The course</p>

						<p>reinforces shared responsibility between dental and medical teams to improve outcomes, reduce acute episodes, and strengthen long-term health.</p> <p>By adopting a proactive, medical-model approach, clinicians across disciplines will be better prepared to educate patients, coordinate care, personalize treatment plans, and monitor disease progression over time.</p>
	<p><b>Session 2- Uniting Dentistry and Medicine to Reduce Alzheimer’s Risk</b></p>	<p>Foundational Science &amp; Oral-Systemic Connections</p>	<p>All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES PharmD, BH)</p>	<p>Intermediate (II)</p>	<p><b>1.25 CE / CME</b></p>	<p><b>Anne Rice RDH, BS</b>  Alzheimer’s disease demands early recognition, interdisciplinary prevention, and informed clinical action. This session highlights the growing evidence linking oral infections, inflammation, and tooth loss with increased Alzheimer’s risk, independent of age or other biomarkers. Attendees will learn how bacterial, fungal, and viral pathogens influence neuroinflammation; how cardiovascular health, metabolic factors, sleep, diet, and genetics shape cognitive decline; and how medical histories reveal critical red-flag risks. Practical strategies will be emphasized, including evidence-based interventions dental professionals can use to reduce systemic inflammation, support brain-protective behaviors, and strengthen collaborative care. Participants will also</p>

						review clinical and epidemiologic data on tooth loss, implants, and implant failure to better understand their implications for long-term cognitive health.
	<b>Session 3 – Airway/Myofunctional Therapy</b>		RDH, DT, MD/DO, DDS/DMD, RN, NP/PA	Intermediate (II)	<b>1.25 CE / CME</b>	<b>Lancette VanGuilder, BS, RDH, PHEDH, CEAS, FADHA; Howard Hindin DDS; Joy Lantz, RDH, PHDH, COM®, IBCLC, FAHDA</b>
<b>12:15 pm – 1:15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking Roundtables</b>		Open to all			<i>Implementation strategies, funding models, public health, and education topics</i>
<b>1:15 pm – 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Hands-On Workshop #3: Oral Health Prevention in Primary Care</b>	Fluoride Varnish and SDF in Primary Care	All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES PharmD, BH)	Introductory (I)	<b>1.25 CE / CME</b>	<b>Leah Brunner, MPH, CHES- Colorado Oral Health</b> This session will provide an overview of how preventive oral health services can be effectively integrated into primary care settings to improve patient outcomes. Participants will learn the importance of early oral health intervention, the role primary care providers play in reducing dental disease, and practical strategies for implementing preventive oral health strategies into routine workflows. The preventive oral health strategies that will be covered include the oral health risk assessment, oral health evaluation, fluoride varnish application, oral health goal setting, oral health education and establishing a dental home. The session will conclude with a hands-on

						demonstration and practice of applying fluoride varnish, giving attendees the confidence to perform this preventive service in their own clinics.
<b>2:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>					
<b>2:45 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Hands-On Workshop #4: Myofunctional therapy</b>				<b>1.25 CE / CME</b>	<p><b><i>Joy Lantz, RDH, PHDH, COM®, IBCLC, FAHDA</i></b></p> <p><i>This interactive session explores the role of myofunctional disorders in whole body health through a collaborative, team-based lens. Participants will learn to recognize key oral and airway risk indicators and understand how early identification supports prevention across disciplines. Using real world case studies and hands-on activities, attendees will practice practical screening techniques and discuss effective interprofessional communication and referral pathways. Emphasis will be placed on translating observations into coordinated care that supports long term oral, airway, and systemic health. Participants will leave with immediately applicable tools and a clearer understanding of how collaborative myofunctional screening strengthens integrated care models and improves patient outcomes.</i></p>

<b>4:00 pm – 4:15 pm</b>	<b>Wrap-Up &amp; Call to Action</b>		All (MD/DO, NP/PA, RN, DDS/DMD, RDH, CDA/RDA, DT, CDCES, PharmD, BH)	Introductory (I)	<b>.25 CE / CME</b>	<i>From Ideas to Action – Building an Integration Roadmap</i>  <i>Teams solve complex patient cases (diabetes, pregnancy risk, RA, perio, behavioral health) and practice how to message patients consistently across providers.</i>
					<b>6.0 CE</b>	