In our winter newsletter, we introduced our OHNEP Interprofessional Oral Health Faculty Toolkit, an innovative, web-based, open source and turn-key product that allows easy “weaving” of oral-systemic health content and clinical competencies into the Nurse Practitioner (PNP, AGNP, FNP, PMHNP, WHNP) and Midwifery curricula.

The Toolkit integrates oral health into courses in health assessment, health promotion and primary care. It includes readings, assignments and collaborative case studies, simulations and service learning as well as other important oral health resources that faculty can select from to integrate into their existing curriculum.

The Toolkit is now available on www.ohnep.org/faculty-toolkit, along with a guide on using the toolkit and its many resources.

Oral-Systemic Health Projects Across the U.S.

Speaking of programs across the U.S. that have integrated oral-systemic health… In 2015, our roster includes almost 160 programs in 46 states, doubling the number of states from 2012!

If your state is still not represented, you can use our OHNEP Interprofessional Oral Health Faculty Toolkit as a starting point to build interprofessional oral health workforce capacity to prepare for accreditation, improve oral health access, reduce disparities and enhance the oral and overall health of your state and community!

All 4 Oral Health Blog

Don’t forget to check out our monthly blog! Our latest blog posts include:
- Medicare Part Zero
- Are you Checking for Koplik Spots?
- Feeling Long in The Tooth? Your Mouth is Aging too…
- HPV’s Impact on the Mouth

This month, in celebration of Celiac Disease Awareness Month, please check out our blog post, which sheds light on how Celiac Disease can manifest orally in both adults and in children, and what to do about it!
Interprofessional Healthcare Summit

Our Oral Health team has had a very busy but exciting April! On April 10th, our Teaching Oral-Systemic Health (TOSH) team, including our NYUCN Program Director, Erin Hartnett, and our interprofessional colleagues Kenneth Allen of NYUCD, and Ruth Crowe and Jennifer Adams of NYUSom, facilitated a highly interactive workshop at the Interprofessional Healthcare Summit in Savannah, Georgia.

The workshop, entitled Interprofessional Oral Health Education and Collaborative Practice Using Simulation had two primary objectives: (1) to describe how to develop an interprofessional education program using oral health as a platform and (2) to identify strategies to facilitate IPE and to develop interprofessional oral health competencies for health professions students.

The workshop asked its participants to discuss different facilitation techniques used by NYU nursing faculty and dental residents as seen in a series of video clips. These clips were filmed during the annual TOSH event where medical, dental and NP students, worked together as a team to care for a standardized patient and analyze an oral-systemic health case study. The TOSH event aims to move students toward working collaboratively to improve patient care, as well as give students insight into the oral-systemic connection.

The workshop participants were extremely engaged, asked probing questions and making astute remarks, detailing where the faculty and residents did an excellent job at facilitating, and also where they could use some improvement.

Because the workshop was such as a success, our TOSH team is hoping to hold more sessions in the near future. Stay tuned for more information!

ENRS Conference & NONPF Conference

Just one week later, on April 16th, our Program Directors, Erin Hartnett and Judith Haber, were in Washington DC for the Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS) 27th Annual Scientific Sessions to present a paper session entitled NYU College of Nursing Teaching Oral-Systemic Health (TOSH) Program Interprofessional Education Event.

The following week, on April 24-25, they were in Baltimore, Maryland for the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) 41st Annual Meeting for a podium presentations Teaching Oral Systemic Health Interprofessional Simulation and Case Study Experience and a poster presentation, Pediatric Oral Health Interprofessional Clerkship.

At both meetings, the team presented findings from data gathered over a two year period amassed from over 600 nursing, dental and medical students. Students were asked to fill out a survey that assessed their attitudes towards interprofessional education activities and the level of competences attained during the 2013 and 2014 TOSH event. The data revealed that all three student types had a statistically significant improvement following the event across all IPE domains (communication, collaboration, responsibility, patient-centricity, conflict management and team functioning).

Of course, the conferences were not all business and we did squeeze in some fun! Following the NONPF Conference, our team had a delicious dinner in the cultural district of Baltimore with the National Oral Health Nursing Workgroup, which is comprised of oral health champions who are leaders in integrating oral health into nursing curricula across the country. The dinner provided an opportunity to share updates, offer support, network and make new friends!