



PROJECT GOALS

- Improve the lives of patients with cancer by connecting them with dental services that are required before life-saving medical treatment can begin; providing dental care, patient education, provider training and improved interprofessional communication between medical and dental providers.
- Streamline bidirectional referral and tracking processes between ECU School of Dental Medicine and referring medical and cancer treatment facilities.
- Develop and implement an efficient standard protocol for expediting the time it takes from cancer diagnosis to dental clearance before life saving medical treatment can begin.

RESULTS

Project Impact

7 Patients Cleared for Cancer Treatment

- Education Provided:
 - Effects of Radiation Therapy and the Mouth
 - Effects of Chemotherapy and the Mouth
 - Tobacco Cessation if Necessary
- Services Commonly Needed for Dental Clearance:
 - Problem Focused Detailed Limited Oral Evaluation
 - Panoramic Radiograph
 - Periapical and Bitewing Radiographs
 - Routine Extractions
 - Surgical Extractions
 - Adult Prophylaxis
 - Full Mouth Debridement



SUSTAINABILITY

- Two ECU School of Dental Medicine students—Skyler Lagcher and Joshua Stewart—are going to take over the project to help sustain it.
- Implement dental clearance education in the Oral Medicine Course and Clinic Orientation for second year dental students.
- Grow Oral Medicine Clinic allowing more patients to be served
- Develop a new student Oral Medicine Group for ongoing volunteers to sustain the project.
- Customize the project for use in communities surrounding the eight ECU SoDM CSLCs.
- Interprofessional Continuing Education and Faculty Development programs.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provide dental exams to assess patient's need before dental clearance
- Provide treatment needed before being cleared
- Provide Oral Hygiene Instructions and patient education
- Provide educational pamphlets regarding Radiation and Chemotherapy to patients receiving treatment



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