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DENTISTRY



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## 2014-2015 North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellows

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION & GOALS

- Foster collaboration between dental and medical professionals in accordance with 2013 Prenatal Oral Health National Guidelines created by the American Dental Association and American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Maintain a referral system between UNC School of Dentistry, UNC Hospitals and community prenatal clinic sites. Through this system, prenatal providers have a dental home to which to refer their pregnant patients.
- Train incoming UNC hospitals OB-GYN residents and 3rd year medical students during OB-GYN clerkship. Education includes adherence to current guidelines, incorporation of oral health messaging and referral practices for prenatal oral care.
- Provide 4th year DDS students and 2nd year Dental Hygiene students with the opportunity to triage and treat pregnant patients in the UNC pOHP dental clinic.



2nd year dental hygiene students work with 4th year dental students as a dental team to treat prenatal patients in the UNC pOHP clinic



Left to right: Gentry Lasater Byrd, Mark Dessauer (BCBSNC Foundation), and Veronica Matthews at the March 28, 2015 Celebration of Service

### RESULTS

- **96** 3rd year medical students, **5** OB-GYN residents, and **40** community prenatal providers and staff received prenatal oral health training.
- From April 2014 to April 2015, **163** prenatal patients were referred to the UNC pOHP clinic from six referral sites.
- From April 2014 to April 2015, **92** prenatal patients received dental treatment in the UNC pOHP clinic.
- **84** 4th year dental students and **34** dental hygiene students received pOHP training, and the majority have treated a prenatal patient in the pOHP clinic.

### SUSTAINABILITY

- The Prenatal Oral Health Program (pOHP) has become an official university-recognized interprofessional student organization.
- The pOHP student representatives will continue to provide pOHP training sessions to 3rd year medical students, UNC OB-GYN residents, and prenatal providers at community referral sites.
- The NC Albert Schweitzer Fellows Program and BCBSNC Foundation will provide sustainability funding for 2015-2016 academic year.



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