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OHCCP seeks to support underserved, uninsured, and underinsured cancer patients with their unpaid dental costs in order to increase their access to ongoing oral health care services.

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Who We Are
The Oral Health Care for Cancer Patients (OHCCP) web-based resource is a collaborative project of the Indiana University School of Dentistry involving faculty and staff with expertise in the areas of oral medicine, community dentistry, oral surgery, hospital dentistry, and restorative dentistry. Our partners in education and advocacy include such corporations as Procter & Gamble and GlaxoSmithKline and such community organizations as the Little Red Door Cancer Agency in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our Mission
To increase access and improve the quality of oral health care for underserved cancer patients in Indiana and throughout the U.S. through Advocacy, Collaboration, and Education

OHCCP is Needed Because:
• Oral complications include mouth sores, oral bleeding, loss of saliva, increased tooth decay, periodontal (gum) disease, life-threatening infections, and soft tissue and jaw bone problems, etc...
• A person with a suppressed immune system due to chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment has a greater risk for gum disease, which is associated with increased risk for high blood pressure, stroke, and bacterial pneumonia.
• Oral health problems reduce a cancer patient’s quality of life, cause pain and distress, increase health care costs, and increase risk of health problems.
• Cancer patients should consult with a dentist before, during, and after chemotherapy and radiation because nearly one in three cancer patients are at risk for oral health complications.

Our Objectives
ADVOCACY: To advocate for increased access to oral health care for underserved cancer patients and to empower cancer patients to seek oral health care before, during, and after cancer therapies

COLLABORATION: To assist cancer patients and health care providers in more effectively managing and maintaining the oral health of cancer patients

EDUCATION: To provide a web-based educational resource for cancer patients, care givers, dentists, and other health care providers involved in the treatment of cancer patients

What You Can Find at OHCCP.ORG
For Patients:
Dental Resources
State dental Medicaid information, links to dental schools near you, state dental association information

Educational Materials
Fact sheets about how to manage and maintain oral health throughout cancer treatment, glossaries of dental and cancer terms, featured articles, frequently asked questions

Web-based Resources
Links to national cancer associations, support and online discussion groups

For Providers:
Educational Materials
Fact sheets on providing oral health care for cancer patients and on understanding the link between oral health and specific diseases such as head and neck cancer and oral cancer

Academic Literature (abstracts and full texts)
Topics include: Oral health complications and considerations related to cancer therapies such as caries risk, mucositis, xerostomia, osteonecrosis of the jaw, and periodontal disease