Coffee Talk Objectives/Presenter Biographies

Coffee Talk #1: State of the Union

1. Name the Minnesota Statutes Chapter that provides language for collaborative dental hygiene practice.
2. Explain the intent of the law regarding types of practice settings allowed.
3. Discuss the limitations of the statutory language for collaborative practice.

Coffee Talk #2: Unraveling the Mysteries-Part 1

1. Recall specific protocols required in the collaborative agreement.
2. Define the level of supervision for a dental hygienist with a collaborative agreement and how it differs from traditional settings.
3. Describe who the collaborating dentist may be.
4. Explain the requirements for maintaining the collaborative agreement in relation to the Minnesota Board of Dentistry.

Coffee Talk #3: Unraveling the Mysteries- Part 2

1. Discuss the differences for a dental hygienist when employed, retained or starting a non-profit organization.
2. Explain professional liability for services provided in a collaborative practice.
3. Identify the level of experience needed to participate in a collaborative practice.
4. Explain the dental hygienist’s role when providing sealants.
5. Discuss the scope of practice for a dental assistant working with a collaborative dental hygiene practice.
6. Restate the requirements and responsibilities for referral and follow up care.

Coffee Talk #4: Good News and Challenges

1. List funding sources for the financial viability of a collaborative practice.
2. Describe resources available from the Minnesota Department of Human Services.
3. Explain the importance of a provider number for dental hygienists in collaborative practice.
4. Discuss some future ways the reimbursement system for Minnesota Health Care Programs/Medicaid could enhance the financial viability of a collaborative practice.

Coffee Talk #5

1. Describe how teledentistry could be used in a collaborative practice setting.
2. Understand the challenges of using teledentistry in a collaborative practice setting.
3. Compare “co-location” and “integration” within a combined medical/dental practice.
4. Discuss ways to advance the collaborative dental hygiene practice into a medical/dental model.

Presenter Biographies

Jeanne Anderson has been a dental hygienist since 1971 and holds a bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene education from the University of Minnesota and a master’s degree in public affairs from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. In addition to many years of private practice, Jeanne was an educator at the U of M School of Dentistry for 27 years. She was a recruiting and treatment hygienist in a national clinical trial studying the link between periodontal disease in pregnant women and low birth weight and preterm births. She is a published author of research on local anesthesia in the Journal of Dental Hygiene and a chapter author for Darby’s Comprehensive Review of Dental Hygiene. She is a past president of the Minnesota Dental Hygienists’ Association, member and current Chair of its Advocacy Council, MnDHA and ADHA delegate, as well as other leadership positions in this Association. Jeanne has promoted oral health policy in a variety of venues including the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, the Minnesota State Legislature and the Department of Human Services. Before retiring in July 2017 Jeanne was the Clinical Director of Ready Set Smile, a school-based dental program providing oral health care and education to children in Minneapolis schools.

Clare Larkin has been a licensed dental hygienist since 1977 with wide-ranging experience in clinical dental hygiene, dental public health, dental hygiene education and oral health advocacy/policy development. She served as faculty for dental hygiene programs at Normandale Community College, Metropolitan State University and the University of Minnesota. Clare most recently held a position as planner principal/prevention coordinator for the MN Department of Health, Oral Health Program focusing on grant-funded school-based dental sealant programs and community water fluoridation. She is currently a consultant for two oral health-related projects, one of which focuses on expanding Minnesota’s collaborative dental hygiene practice model.