



## *Oral Hygiene Care Challenges for the Caregiver and their Dementia Clients*

***Patient's denture broken? Wondering if the tooth is Infected?***

***Does your patient have poor oral health? Your house call dentist can help!***

Your partner in health care, the house call dentist brings the services of the traditional dental office to residential care, assisted living and the bedbound patient.

In this fast-moving, leading edge program, we'll illuminate the bidirectional relationship between periodontal disease and Alzheimer's disease, including how proper oral hygiene may lessen Alzheimer's symptoms and slow signs and symptoms down. Explore the best practices for performing patient oral care, including guidelines for inspection of the gums, teeth and mouth. Understand oral hygiene disease factors and steps you can take to curb common chronic infections and diseases. Discuss oral hygiene care challenges and oral health issues, including neglect. Recognize potential communication challenges and receive tips for honing verbal skills. Gain strategies for working in partnership with dentists, primary care physicians, caregivers and families.



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## *Learning Objectives:*

- Discover the role that periodontitis plays in dementia's progression
- Learn best practices in performing patients' daily oral care
- Recognize the importance of daily oral care as part of the Activities of Daily Living
- Recognize the importance of nutrition and hydration in maintaining health and quality of life
- Identify chronic infection and diseases of the mouth and their common causes
- Develop enhanced communication techniques to increase patient cooperation
- Specify the appropriate documentation to include in the patient's record
- Discuss the roles and responsibilities of the emergency contact, custodial parent, and joint custody, and their legal authority to act on the patient's behalf

***For Medical & Nursing Care Facilities  
Full or Partial Day; Lunch 'n Learn***