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2022

Conference on

 **ORAL  
HEALTH**

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together to lead  
innovation in  
overall health  
for Kansans.

**Friday, November 4**

**Kansas State University - Olathe**

**22201 W Innovation Drive | Olathe, KS**

# About

Dental care is out of reach for far too many people. Kansans who live in poverty, have disabilities, are elderly, live in rural areas, or are racial and ethnic minorities face real challenges in accessing routine and even life-saving dental care. The 2022 Conference on Oral Health will explore some of the factors that make it difficult to access dental care and share resources that are available now and that are in development, including policy and education opportunities. Being a part of the advocacy network as well as providing direct care is challenging even at the best of times. The Conference will acknowledge the challenges and provide some tools to combat compassion fatigue for each of us.

## Health & Safety

We hope you will join us in Olathe. Health and safety are a priority and partnership between conference organizers, attendees, hotel staff, and other partners.

- While at the event, please be mindful of how you are feeling and self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. We ask that if you experience one of more symptoms, you remove yourself from the meeting and notify conference staff.
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- We will abide by CDC recommendations as of November 2022.
- Registration will open early to avoid crowding prior to the opening session.
- Masks will be available at the OHK table.
- We have provided colored stickers that attendees can select to help convey what their current comfort level is with networking with others. **Green**- I'm feeling ok with hugs and handshakes/highfives. **Yellow**- I'm being a bit cautious- I'm okay with talking and elbow bumps. **Red**- I'm keeping my distance. There may be circumstances during the event where it might be a challenge to practice these interactions. We kindly ask you to actively look for the color indicator and be conscious of how to approach others.

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# ORAL HEALTH KANSAS Pre-Conference Sessions



12-1p



- October 7: Public Oral Health 101
- October 14: Federal Oral Health Policy
- October 21: Oral Health Policy Across the Country
- October 28: Advocating for Policy Change in Kansas

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## Dental Champions Reception

Thursday, November 3 | 6:00 PM

Please join us at the Dental Champions Leadership Program reception as we recognize the next Ron Alexander Outstanding Dental Champion award. There is no fee to attend but registration is required. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided.

# Agenda

**7:30 AM Exhibits and Registration Open**

**8:30 AM Impacting Dental Disparities in Kansas**

Over the last twenty years, oral health advocates, dental providers, and community members have used their creativity to create new ways of meeting the dental needs of underserved Kansans. People who live in poverty, rural areas, and who face disparities as a result of disability, race, and ethnicity are at risk of poor oral health. This session will discuss the disparities in Kansas and how much progress has been made to close the gap.

**9:20 AM Integrating Care for Kansans**

People who are at highest risk for dental disease have the greatest difficulty in accessing care. Medical-dental integration is an approach to care that coordinates dental and primary medicine to expand the potential to reduce disease and the need for expensive treatment. Health care providers will share how this integration is happening in Kansas.

**10:10 AM Break with Exhibitors**

**10:40 AM Keynote: Understanding the History of Racism in Healthcare**

*Dr. Carlos Smith | Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry*  
Race and ethnicity have long played a role in how or if people are able to access effective and culturally competent health and dental care. This provocative keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Carlos Smith, Inaugural Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Director of Ethics Curriculum and Associate Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry. Dr. Smith will discuss the history of how racism has affected access to health and dental care and share insights about how we can do better to address the real disparities people face each day.

**11:30 AM Excellence in Oral Health Awards**

**12:00 PM Lunch & Policy Address: Kansas Policy Landscape for 2023**

2022 is an election year, and the decisions voters will make in November will shape how oral health policy will move forward in the new year. This session will share insight about the Kansas Legislature, the landscape for health and health policy, and how advocates can get involved to continue making progress in increasing access to dental care.

**1:30 PM Using Equity to Improve Oral Health for Kansans with Disabilities**

People with disabilities have trouble finding dental care and when they do, they often feel like providers do not understand them and their unique needs. A panel will describe the value of a person-centered approach to dental care, how consumers can communicate their needs, and how providers can use a trauma-informed approach to meet those needs. New tools and resources for consumers and providers will be shared.

**2:20 PM New Kansas Dental Benefits Bring Smiles**

This year the Legislature appropriated funding to extend Medicaid dental benefits to adults. For the first time in Kansas' history, all adults enrolled in Medicaid have coverage for fillings and periodontal care. This session will share how the new benefits were approved, what they mean for Kansans enrolled in Medicaid, and what comes next.

**3:10 PM Break with Exhibitors**

**3:40 PM Taking Care of Yourself When the Work Gets Tough**

The last two years have been hard on everyone, and we have all learned the importance of taking care of ourselves as we face stress. Dental and health care providers are at risk for compassion fatigue as they work hard to take care of other people while managing their own challenges. This session will discuss the compassion fatigue cycle, how stress impacts us, and what we all can do to take care of ourselves in order to take care of others.

**4:30 PM Adjourn**

## Keynote Speaker



**Dr. Carlos Smith**

DDS, MDiv, FACD

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry

Dr. Smith is an assistant professor in the department of general practice at VCU School of Dentistry. A Columbia, SC native, he received his undergraduate degree in biology from Hampton University, his Doctorate of

Dental Surgery degree from the University Of Michigan School Of Dentistry and his Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. Dr. Smith has practiced general dentistry for nearly a decade and has both community health and private practice experience. He serves both as a pre-clinical and clinical instructor at the School of Dentistry, as well the director of ethics curriculum. Dr. Smith maintains a private practice within the VCU Dental Care Faculty Practice and is an active member of many dental organizations including the American Dental Association, National Dental Association, American Dental Education Association and the American Society for Dental Ethics. His research interests include dental ethics, public health dentistry, oral health disparities and cultural competency. Dr. Smith is also an ordained minister having served in various pastoral roles and completed Clinical Pastoral Education at Duke University Medical Center. He, his wife Heather and daughter Savannah live in Richmond's Northside and are a part of the team at Hill City Church of Richmond.

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Space has been set aside at the Embassy Suites by Hilton  
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