The Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) is fortunate to have committed partners with whom we strive to transform dentistry and fully integrate oral health into health care education, delivery and financing to promote population health and well-being. Together, we launched the Initiative to Integrate Oral Health and Medicine in the fall of 2015 to engage in research and demonstration projects that contribute to the advancement of medical/dental integration. We are pioneering new models for teaching health professionals, providing team-based care, financing comprehensive care, evaluating the health and economic outcomes of integration, and advocating for a comprehensive approach to disease management.

New Research Analysts

The Initiative to Integrate Oral Health and Medicine is excited to announce that we welcomed two new research analysts to our team this past year: Xin Zhou and Emily Mo. Zhou and Mo will be responsible for managing and analyzing large electronic health record datasets, and conducting health outcomes research to guide the development, evaluation, and utilization of claims datasets and simulation models that improve quality and effectiveness of public health interventions.
Welcome, Dean Giannobile!

Harvard School of Dental Medicine welcomed William Giannobile, DMSc96, PD96, as the School’s new dean. Giannobile is an alumnus of HSDM, with an advanced degree in periodontology and oral biology (DMSc96). Giannobile previously served as an HSDM faculty member and worked at the affiliated Forsyth institute early in his career.

Presentations, Visits, and Collaborations

The Initiative to Integrate Oral Health and Medicine and the Center for Integration of Primary Care and Oral Health presented at or visited:

- Academy Health Annual Meeting
- Addiction Health Services Research
- American Dental Association Health Policy Institute
- American Dental Education Association Annual Session and Exhibition
- American Public Health Association
- Beyond Flexner Alliance Conference
- Delta Dental Institute’s Community Impact Forum
- The Santa Fe Group Annual Meeting
- Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis
- Society for Medical Decision Making
- Surgeon General’s Report on the State of Oral Health in America

Webinars

The Initiative to Integrate Oral Health and Medicine offered several webinars this past year. The COVID-19 pandemic presented the Initiative with an opportunity to connect with shareholders across the country with virtual events about timely and relevant topics.

- Primary Care and Oral Health Delivery: What Have We Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic?
- Access to Dental Care: How is COVID-19 Increasing Existing Disparities?
- At the Frontlines of Preventive Care with Vaccines and Testing: How will Dentistry Respond?

Research, Grants, and Policy

- Launched the One Hundred Million Mouths Campaign
- Introduced Catalyzing Oral Health Workforce for Rural and Vulnerable Populations, a $3 million postdoctoral training grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce
- Collaborated with the DentaQuest Foundation to fund the project, Three Delays– Research Framework for Uncovering Hidden Barriers to Dental Service Utilization in the COVID-19 Era
- Published papers in dental, medical and nursing journals

Save the Date

Leadership Forum 2021
Data Driven Innovations and Integration: The Case for Oral Health
July 20, 2021

Due to COVID-19, this event will be held virtually. Information about registration will be made available in Spring 2021.


**Publications**


**Supporters**

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