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MODULE 15

Oral Health Across the Lifespan

Part 1: Introduction and Oral-
Systemic Health

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Discussion Questions

1. Discuss what factors contribute to oral health disparities. Include in the discussion different age groups.
2. Describe what oral-systemic connections you have witnessed in your life time personally, with friends and family, or with patients. Consider local and systemic infections, hospitalizations, oral effects on diabetes, or medications effects on the mouth.
3. How might addressing oral health be cost effective for the health care system as a whole?
4. Plan changes you would make in a primary care office to offer more effective oral health screenings, oral health exams, anticipatory guidance, and referrals. Consider oral cancer, caries, periodontitis, as well as education levels of patients, financial resources, and access issues.