

PERCEPTIONS OF DENTAL CARE DELIVERY

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Where did the surveys come from?

▪ BC	7.6	▪ NS	11.4
▪ AB	2.5	▪ PEI	3.8
▪ SK	3.8	▪ NF&L	3.8
▪ MB	5.1	▪ NV	0
▪ ON	53.2	▪ NWT	2.5
▪ PQ	5.1	▪ YK	1.3
▪ NB	0		

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Who were the people surveyed?

▪ Non Government	44.6
• Health	31.6
• Social Service	10.7
• Educ	22.8
▪ Population served: Adult	56.4
▪ All income levels:	53.2
• No or low income levels:	43.0
▪ All Cultural Groups	60.3
• FNI	14.7

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Findings

- Handout provided for Questions 1 to 6
 - Differences between Ontario and the rest of Canada
- Oral health care issues identified in Question 7

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Q1 positive aspects of oral (dental) health care delivery (percent)

▪ Providers offer good dental care:		84.6	
	Ontario	Rest	
▪ Some children have access	78.6	91.2	
▪ Good access: prevention	9.1	30.6	
▪ Easy access: dentists	38.1	50	
▪ Easy access: specialist	23.0	41.7	

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Q2: negative aspects of dental health care delivery

▪ ? cost inaccessible without insurance:		97	
▪ Inverse Care Law:		94	
▪ Insurance: unavailable low income people:		95	
▪ Gov. resist including dental care in health:		89	
▪ Special needs: problems in accessing care:		87	
▪ Insurance plans are inadequate:		85	
▪ O.H. isolated from general health:		84	
	Ontario	Rest	
▪ Few alternative settings:	95	83	
▪ Poor feel unwelcome:	83	70	

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Q5: changes last 10 years: system less effective

	Ontario	Rest	
▪ Municipal cutbacks:	88	46	
▪ Hospital underfunding:	69	58	
▪ regionalized health authorities:	44	67	
▪ ? cannot afford dental care due to unemployment:	81	63	

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Q6: improve access to dental care?

▪ Provide basic dental care under medical plans for high need groups:		92	
▪ Make greater use of other dental professionals		85	
	Ontario	Rest	
▪ Provide for training of dentists in community/ hospital settings:	91	71	

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Identified Issues

- Alternate Delivery
- Need for recognition of oral health in health
- Regulatory Issues
- Training Issues
- Access and Low Income
- Cost of Care
- Seniors

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Other Issues

- Prevention
- Chief Dental Officer
- Communication and language
- Another conference in the West.
- Alternate payment
- Universal care

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Other Issues

- Social Contract
- Majority are OK
- Evidence-based Care
- Awareness
- Distribution
- Resources
- Attitude

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Comparison of Current Oral Health Initiatives: Issues

Survey	FPTDD	NS Seniors	CapC	CDA Romanow	Access and Care
Policy	"CDO"	Policy:	Current Policy	HC lack of priority leadership	
Training	Manpower /Training	Geriatric education		Training costs / debt	Human Resources
	Monitor / surveillance				Monitor/ surveillance

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Program Delivery		Program delivery	Factors aiding access	New models of delivery	Models of delivery
Access issues	Access to care		Barriers to access		Barriers to OH Care
EB Practice		Education non-OH providers	Who does not have access?	Social safety net	Implications of EB practice

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Overall health	Overall health	Research	Impacts poor OH status	OH: oral health of FN and I	Research
Awareness Prevention	O.H. Promotion	Public Awareness	Who has access?		Other
				Financial vulnerability recruit	

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