

### ORAL HEALTH AND DENTAL CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH I/DD

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#### WHY DO WE CARE?



#### Unmet oral health needs

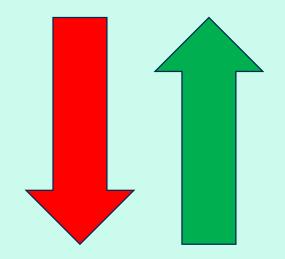
With DD



Without DD

#### Overall oral health

With DD



## Without DD

#### The link to overall health

- Pulmonary problems
- Cardiac concerns
- Cognitive decline





#### **ORAL CONCERNS**



• Dental caries

Periodontal disease

• Oral cancer

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#### THE KEYS TO ORAL CARE



Professional follow-up

Diet and nutrition

- Professional follow-up
  - your job
  - the dentist's job
- Diet and nutrition

- Medical diagnoses
- List of medical providers
- List of medications
- List of allergies
- List of surgeries
- Special information



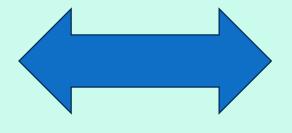
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- Gather information
- Oral examination
- X-rays/imaging
- Diagnostic tests
- Treatment planning



#### Planning patient care





**OVERALL HEALTH** 

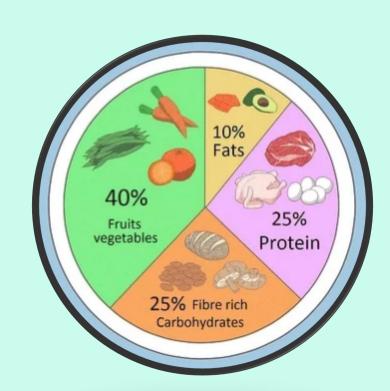
#### Throwing away the book



# Just because you CAN do something... doesn't mean you SHOULD do something

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Professional follow-up

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- Toothbrushing
- Mouth rinsing
- Flossing
- Tongue brushing



#### Toothbrushes

- Manual or powered?
- Soft, medium or hard?
- When to replace the brush?
- How long to brush for?
- When to brush?
- What if there is bleeding?







#### Mouth rinses

- What rinse to use?
  - Alcoholic
  - Alcohol-free
  - Specialty
  - Prescription
- How to use them?
  - Rinse
  - Swab
- Are they harmful?









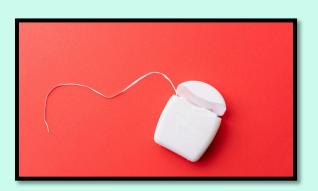
#### Flossing aids

• Different floss aids

How often to floss?

• What if there is bleeding?









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