

GOHOP

Geriatric Oral Health Outreach Program

One of the most underserved and neglected populations in not only our community but many across the world is the geriatric population. From this geriatric population, nursing home residents in state funded institutions are often the most neglected when it comes to oral health. To help bridge the gap between oral health care needs in the geriatric population in our community we visited and educated 120 residents, 20 families and 20 employees.



Our goals that we strived for were:

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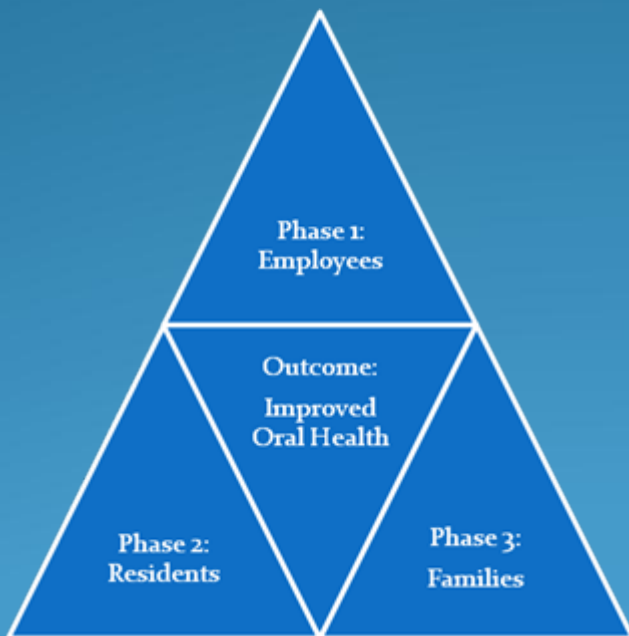
- With the employees we provided an in house training session .
- We handed out pamphlets that presented common pathology they might observe on the residents.
- We also discussed proper hygiene techniques and signs dictating whether the patient was capable of brushing their own teeth.
- We also implemented a Stop Light program that allowed the employees to quickly assess whether the patient needed assistance, and how much assistance they needed for their daily oral hygiene routine.

Phase 2:

- To improve the oral health of the nursing home residents of Britthaven of Chapel Hill we visited each resident and went over oral hygiene instructions as well as distributed denture brushes, floss, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Phase 3:

- We also educated their families and employees. We had a family day where families could ask questions about their oral health care and their family member.



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