

A view from my window:

What's Happening in Oral Health in the Rural West

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What I'll cover

- Interprofessional
- Population based
- Value Based Care
- Integrated with medical
- Increased levels of training



Where we were

- Since the 1850's a split
- A rural and urban divide
 - Education
 - Access
 - Poverty
- Access
- A focus on end stage disease treatment
- Siloed Mom and Pop shops
- Top down care



What is happening on the ground

- Interprofessional Education
- Interprofessional Practice
- Oral Health Issues in the Emergency Room
- Training for the next decade
- A rural and urban divide
 - Education
 - Access
 - Poverty



Where we are going

- Population based care
- Investing in prevention
- Group/Integrated practices
 - Employed Providers
- Team based care
 - Pharmacy
 - Behavioral Health
 - other
- Covid and Work



Barriers and Opportunities

- Accreditation
- Separate finance systems
- Consolidation
- Value based payment
- Changing expectations
- A health system



Questions

