

Oral Care Access for Patients with Developmental Disabilities

"The reality is that for too long we provided lesser care to people with disabilities. Today, we must redouble our efforts so that people with disabilities achieve full access to disease prevention and health promotion services."

—Richard Carmona, US Surgeon General 2005



A Series of Training Modules for Dentists

14 units of Continuing Education
Part One: Training Modules (8)
Part Two: Clinical Experience (6)

**The University of Nebraska
Medical Center College of
Dentistry and the Nebraska
Planning Council on
Developmental Disabilities**

Introduction

Developed by residents and faculty of the UNMC Hospital Dentistry's General Practice Residency program, reviewed by consultants within the community and funded through the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, these modules provide an overview of a patient population which struggles with access to dental care. Patients with developmental disabilities need the combined support of the dental profession, community advocates and governmental agencies to remove barriers that impede their ability to obtain oral care.

Goals of Program

1. Expand the skill set of the dental provider.
2. Improve access to dental care for patients with developmental disabilities.

Content

By focusing on the most common developmental disabilities and clinical experiences that the dentist may encounter, the modules provide practical information for treating patients with developmental disabilities in the dental office. Modules will provide a general overview of the condition, its etiology, prevalence, pathophysiology and medical management followed by a review of dental treatment strategies.

Module One:	Introduction (15min 29 sec)
Module Two:	Hospital Based Care (20 min 38 sec)
Module Three:	Incorporating Patients into the Practice (20 min 31 sec)
Module Four:	Autism (17 min 2 sec)
Module Five:	Cerebral Palsy (16 min 35 sec)
Module Six:	Epilepsy (15 min 23 sec)
Module Seven:	Intellectual Disabilities (26 min 11 sec)
Module Eight:	Muscular Dystrophy (9 min 24 sec)
Module Nine:	Spina Bifida (7 min)
Module Ten:	Transitions and Reimbursement (11 min 46 sec)
Module Eleven:	Advocacy (14 min 2 sec)
Module Twelve:	Case Studies (9 min 22 sec)

Each module is professionally narrated and will require an additional 30 minutes for testing.

Clinical Experience: Observation of a hospital based OR case (typically 6 hours from admit to dismissal)



Access to Materials

Modules are accessible through the UNMC Blackboard Academic Suite website after receiving a guest log-in name and password. Guest log-ins can be requested by telephone or email from Dr. Timothy M. Durham through the contact information at the end of this document.

After receiving your log-in/password information, you will be given specific instructions regarding accessing the course on the UNMC Blackboard web site. Once within the course, you will find the training modules in your assignment folder. Prior to viewing the modules, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire. Each module also requires completion of a pre-test and upon completion, a post-test. Testing procedures are critical to acquiring continuing education credit and outcome information.

Each training module comes with a slide specific narrative that can be printed out for review and future reference.

Your course menu also includes external links to key resources available on the internet.

Continuing Education

In order to receive continuing education credit, you must complete all the modules and take the associated pre and post tests. Your participation in the course is tracked by accessing the Blackboard Website. A continuing education certificate will be mailed to you.

If you choose to complete the OR experience, additional continuing education credit may be granted. Contact Dr. Durham for additional information regarding this experience.

Patient Access

In addition, as a successful graduate of the program, you will be listed on the Nebraska Dental Association and Nebraska Academy of General Dentistry websites as having completed the course. Your practice information may also be provided to advocate organizations like the Special Olympics or to local agencies which help in the care of individuals with developmental disabilities.

For Guest Log In & Additional Course Information

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