

## Join us this Giving Tuesday!



At TxOHC, we're gearing up for our favorite day of the year; #GivingTuesday!

It's the day we get together with people all over the world to celebrate the positive impact that giving, volunteering, and kindness make in our communities. It's always the Tuesday after Black

Friday, and that means this year, it's November 29, 2022.

The Texas Oral Health Coalition (TxOHC) is thrilled to join the largest giving day of the year with a twist. Our goal is to raise **\$3,000.00 in 30 days**. All donations submitted during the month of November will go towards our Giving Tuesday fundraising goal.

This year, we're excited to make even more progress toward gathering and disseminating information relating to oral health and the delivery of oral health care in the state of Texas at no charge to the public. We hope you'll join our nonpartisan network of diverse stakeholders focused on creating viable solutions, sharing innovative information, and leveraging resources for the health of all Texans.

Thanks to the support from our community, we hope this year's celebration will be even bigger and better. TxOHC strives to continue our monthly webinars to provide oral health education for health providers, produce additional [community resource guides](#) that address social determinants of health factors for specific populations, and

increase the number of [regional oral health coalitions](#) across Texas whose purpose is to improve the oral health of communities and promote partnerships for sustainable, equity-informed, community-driven advocacy.

Make a donation at <https://txohc.org/givingtuesday> and make a difference in the impact the Texas Oral Health Coalition can make to achieve optimal health for all Texans.

A blue rectangular button with rounded corners containing the text "DONATE TODAY!" in bold, yellow, uppercase letters.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

The Texas Oral Health Coalition, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Contributions of any amount are tax-deductible and are welcomed and appreciated!


## Teledentistry in Texas 3 Part Webinar Series

Please join us for the upcoming webinar on **Friday, November 11, 2022**, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT. Panelists Dr. Scott Howell, Dr. Margo Melchor and Lorie Jones will participate in a moderated discussion on teledentistry in Texas regarding “What Can Be Done, What Can't Be Done, and What Could Be Done for Maximum Impact.”

During this moderated session, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the teledentistry rules and regulations that govern Texas dental providers and how to determine the protocol and care model that works best for their practice and their patients. They will also learn how dental students are being trained to use teledentistry to its maximum potential.

One hour of continuing dental education credit will be awarded for those submitting a completed online evaluation. Registration is complimentary but required at <https://bit.ly/TeleReg1122> to receive your webinar link and passcode.

To learn more about our featured speakers, course description, and learning objectives, please visit <https://txohc.org/education/teledentistry-texas/>.



**TELEDENTISTRY IN TEXAS SERIES**  
**WHAT CAN BE DONE, WHAT CAN'T BE DONE, AND WHAT COULD BE DONE FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT**


**Scott Howell, DMD, MPH, FSCD**  
**Margo Melchor, RDH, MEd, EdD**  
**Lori Jones, RDH, BSDH, MBA**


Date: November 11, 2022  
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Register at:  
<https://bit.ly/TeleReg-1122>

For more information on the speaker, course description and objectives, please visit <https://txohc.org/education/teledentistry-texas/>.

Pre-registration is required for all attendees.  
Your registration email will contain the webinar link and password to use.

 **TEXAS ORAL HEALTH COALITION**

 **PACE**  
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The Texas Oral Health Coalition (TxOHC) is pleased to share the updated Teledentistry Guide to view or download from our website.

We've included a short Checklist and a Teledentistry Informed Consent template you are welcome to use. The Consent form is a fillable pdf where you can insert your own logo, or copy the information and create an online form for your patients to access virtually. We included all of the state requirements we could find for this consent form, but as with anything legal, please refer to your own attorney. The Teledentistry Guide should be

considered a fluid document in that if any rules or regulations change the Teledentistry Guide will be updated.


*A Guide to Teledentistry in Texas* is available on the TxOHC website at <https://txohc.org/communication/coalition-publications/tx-teledentistry-guide/>.

## Cook Children's Presents: Ask The Docs About Prenatal Health

TxOHC is excited to provide continuing dental education credit for Cook Children's Ask the Docs About Prenatal Health Webinar Series on **November 1, 2022, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM CT** with "Do No Harm: The Ethics, Myths & Business of Caring for Pregnant People" presented by Tony R. Bertolino, Esq.

**ASK THE DOCS ABOUT PRENATAL HEALTH**  
Webinar Series

**Do No Harm: The Ethics, Myths & Business of Caring for Pregnant People**  
November 1, 2022, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Our Speaker:  
  
Tony R. Bertolino, Esq.  
Bertolino LLP

Did you know young moms and women are not getting the dental care they need during pregnancy?  
Be a part of the conversation to explore the Ethics, Myths & Business of Caring for Pregnant People. It is crucial for health of both mom and baby.



The Texas Department of State Health Services - **Oral Health Improvement Program (OHIP)** and the **Children's Oral Health Coalition** have partnered to host a series of "Ask the Docs". The series is for dentists, ob-gyns, other prenatal medical providers, dental hygienists, nurses, and social workers interested in improving access to care for pregnant teens and women.






**Objectives**

- Explain ethical dilemmas related to delaying treatment
- Discuss the myths dental have about treating pregnant people
- Recognize why timely treatment is good for business
- Identify and manage potential medical and dental risk

**REGISTER NOW**

For complete webinar information and registration, please visit <https://bit.ly/Ask-the-Docs>

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## CDC Health Alert Outbreaks Infections Highlight the Importance of Maintaining and Monitoring Dental Waterlines

CDC HAN 478: Outbreaks of Nontuberculous Mycobacteria Infections Highlight Importance of Maintaining and Monitoring Dental Waterlines --October 31, 2022

The CDC is issuing this health alert to emphasize the importance of following existing recommendations for maintaining and monitoring dental waterlines.

Multiple outbreaks of NTM infections have occurred in children who received pulpotomies in pediatric dental clinics where the dental treatment water contained high levels of bacteria.

Read the full alert [here](#).

## **New ASTDD Older Adult Oral Health Resources for Collaboration**

ASTDD is pleased to share Older Adult Oral Health Resources for Collaboration! This resource was developed by a workgroup consisting of individuals from state public health programs, academia, and clinicians caring for older adults in a variety of settings.

The resources include information on the link between oral health and overall health, oral health and chronic disease, special populations, ventilator and non-ventilator pneumonia, nutrition, financing routine dental care, information for non-dental providers, teledentistry and equity.

Find the resources at: <https://www.astdd.org/docs/astdd-older-adult-oral-health-resources-collaboration.pdf>.

## **OHRC Updates Pharmacological Table in Consensus Statement**

Oral Health Care During Pregnancy: A National Consensus

Statement provides guidance on oral health care for pregnant women for both prenatal care health professionals and oral health professionals, pharmacological considerations for pregnant women, and guidance for health professionals to share with pregnant women.



OHRC's goal is to keep the content consistent with current guidance. OHRC recently updated the table, "Pharmacological Considerations for Pregnant Women," which appears in the document, to align with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [guidance](#) issued on September 1, 2022.

FDA recommends that health professionals limit prescribing nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) between 20 to 30 weeks of pregnancy and avoid prescribing them after 30 weeks of pregnancy because they may cause kidney problems in unborn babies.

Components of the consensus statement, including guidance for prenatal care professionals, guidance for oral care professionals, the table "Pharmacological Considerations for Pregnant Women," and a tip sheet for pregnant women, are available as stand-alone PDFs. The tip sheet is available in over 10 languages. OHRC has also produced the series [Promoting Oral Health During Pregnancy: An Update on Activities](#) that highlight recent policies, programs, and resources to help ensure that health professionals and pregnant women and their families are aware of the importance and safety of receiving oral health care during pregnancy.

Please visit OHRC's [website](#) to access and download these resources. In addition, please link to the resources! By linking to them (instead of adding the files to your organization's website), you'll be providing your readers with resources that reflect updated information.

*--- Excerpt from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University*

## New Research Brief from AIDPH

### Changes in Oral Health Workforce

AIDPH has released a [new research brief](#) evaluating changes in the oral health workforce as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, our analysis revealed two key points:

The dental workforce as a whole reduced by 3% from pre-pandemic levels. A \$66.5M annual loss from state revenue impacts the flexibility of social services, creates budgeting shortfalls, and reduces economic growth in local communities.

[You can read the full report here](#) and review the interactive dashboard we've developed to map the changes among dental health care workers.

-- *The American Institute of Dental Public Health*

## Call for Presenters

The Texas Oral Health Coalition is excited to continue hosting monthly webinars in 2023 with different topics and presenters on the second Friday of each month during the noon hour, 12:00 - 1:00 PM CT.



If you are interested in sharing your research or expertise, please complete and submit the linked documents below for consideration.

[Financial Disclosure and Bio Speaker Proposal Submission](#)

## Special Invitation

We would like to take this brief opportunity to tell you a little about our

wonderful organization and invite you to consider joining TxOHC as a member. TxOHC members encourage collaboration to foster whole-person health, eliminate oral disparities and address health inequalities for all Texans.

The coalition's core components are to:

- **Educate others to increase the capacity of the healthcare workforce and integrate oral health into all aspects of health care.** With a strong focus on public health and medical dental integration, TxOHC offers many educational opportunities throughout the year. TxOHC hosts an annual oral health conference, monthly webinars, self-instructional on demand courses and presentations for specific groups or organizations. We also have a perinatal oral health train the trainer program called Texas Tooth Steps that provides the tools for non-dental health professionals to discuss oral health care for infants and new moms in English and Spanish.
- **Communicate and raise public awareness to improve public perception on the value of oral health to overall health and well-being.** To help ensure oral health is included in health dialogue and public policy, people can learn from our website, e-briefs, monthly webinar speakers, conferences, and resource materials. TxOHC is pleased to publish various materials that may be found on our website that includes the [Teledentistry in Texas Guide](#), our [State Oral Health Report Card](#) that identifies areas of success and concern and [Community Resource Guides](#) in five different regions to help address social determinant of health factors for specific populations. **Advocate**
- **for Texas laws and policies to support access to oral health services for our most vulnerable populations and implement evidence-based prevention strategies to address oral health inequities.** TxOHC strives to articulate and promote policies that advocate access to optimal oral health for all populations, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity or socioeconomic status. It is our belief that interprofessional understanding and collaboration will achieve better health for Texas citizens throughout their lifespan.

TxOHC is pleased to serve as the backbone organization for regional oral health coalitions (ROHCs) in San Antonio, Austin, Houston, and the Coastal Bend and North Central Texas areas. This next year we look forward to launching a regional coalition in El Paso.



The Coalition also offers several membership categories to choose from depending on your needs and level of desired participation. For complete details and to access our easy online application, please visit <https://txohc.org/get-involved/membership/>.

A few distinctions in the membership categories are noted below, but please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. All membership categories includes participation in the Midwest Dental Equipment & Supply Collaborative Stakeholder Initiative.

- **Associate or Student membership** is complimentary and allows you to receive our communications and event invitations.
- **Active Member** is \$50/year – This category includes voting privileges and member discounts to our events, plus access to free CE each month.
- **Organizational Members** are \$150/year, which includes one active membership for your organization’s representative and organizational logo branding on website, ebrieffs, event promotion, etc.

#### **Not sure if you are a member or not?**

- Scroll to the top of this e-brief, and if your membership number is prefixed by a capital A or S, you are an associate or student member.
- If there is not a letter prefix before your 8-digit number, you are an active member.
- If you are an associate member and wish to remain an associate member no action is required.

Membership fees paid after November 1st will receive November and December membership included in their annual fee for the upcoming year.

If you are an associate or student member that would like to transition to active membership, please complete the member application linked below.

[Member Application](#)

If you are an **active** member that wishes to renew your membership for 2023, invoices will be sent out in December for the January - December

2023 cycle. You may also renew online any time after November 1, 2022, at [https://fs25.formsite.com/TxOHC1/Member-Renewal/form\\_login.html](https://fs25.formsite.com/TxOHC1/Member-Renewal/form_login.html).

## Collaborative Stakeholder Agreement

As part of the Collaborative Stakeholder Initiative between TxOHC and Midwest Dental, TxOHC members and partners can be entered into a drawing for a Young™ Infinity™ Cordless Prophy Handpiece. For each merchandise or equipment order placed with Midwest Dental in excess of \$500, your name will be added to the drawing.

The drawing will be held during the virtual TxOHC meeting on **December 9, 2022**.

To determine your eligibility please contact Midwest.

Members must be present virtually to win.



**Help fund TxOHC and Oral Health for all Texans!**

**Collaborative Stakeholder Initiative**  
Your monthly purchases will help support and fund TxOHC and help improve the oral health of all Texans.

**MidwestDental**  
EQUIPMENT · SERVICES · SUPPLIES

- Texas-based, family-owned, full-service dealer
- Next-day delivery of supplies
- Factory-trained, professional service techs
- Branch offices in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio

**TxOHC member benefits through Midwest Dental:**

- Substantial price discounts on merchandise, capital equipment and laboratory services
- Reduced service rate available
- Opportunities for free quarterly service call and equipment maintenance training session

**Enter for your chance to win a Cordless Handpiece:**

For each merchandise or equipment order placed with Midwest Dental in excess of \$500, your name will be added to a drawing for a free **Young Infinity™ Cordless Prophy Handpiece!**  
Drawing will be held Dec. 9, 2022, at the TxOHC annual meeting. Member must be present to win.

**WIN ME!**

**YOUNG Infinity™ Cordless Prophy Handpiece**  
Cordless hygiene handpiece with unique non-cord design featuring a 360° angled handle with ergonomic grip design. Cordless via Bluetooth® is a wireless tool option. Balanced design for ergonomic control, and weighs only 11lb. Two-year warranty.

**To place an order, please visit us at [MidwestDental.com](https://www.midwestdental.com)!**

Your designated Midwest Dental contact:  
Customer Service Manager Kristin Gonzales  
(800) 766-2025 • [kristin.gonzales@midwestdental.com](mailto:kristin.gonzales@midwestdental.com)

## New TxOHC Self-Instructional Courses

TxOHC offers multiple online self-instructional continuing dental education courses. Recently we have added a fourth Prescriber and a maternal health self-instructional courses. Please view the full list of course below.

### Patients with IDD

[Dr. Mark Bullock's Treating Patients with IDD learning series](#)  
includes: **\*NEW\***

- Providing Dental Care under Advanced Anesthesia: Oral Sedation, IV Sedation, TIVA, IV Mac, and General Anesthesia

- Special Conditions and Barriers and Challenges Providing Dental Care to Patients with IDD
- Understanding and Working with Caregivers and Group Homes, Dental Desensitization/Advanced Behavior Techniques for Patients with IDD at AbSSLC

### For Prescribers

#### [Prescriber courses include:](#)

- Mental Health & Opioid Use Disorder: Using the PMP to improve patient-centered care & communication **\*NEW\***
- Statewide Mandate Compliance Using the PMP to Provide Patient-Centered Care
- Maximizing Your Limited Time: Navigating Challenging Patient Conversations
- Single Use Disposal Systems (SUDS) Training for Dentists



### Prenatal Health

#### [Ask The Docs About Prenatal Health series with Cook Children's](#)

- Maternal Depression: Signs, Facts & Resources **\*NEW\***

### Oral Pathology

#### [Dr. Paras Patel's oral pathology lecture series includes:](#)

- Oral Cancer Update
- Oral Manifestations of Systemic Diseases and Conditions
- Common Lesions of the Oral Cavity, from Diagnosis to Treatment

### Health Literacy

#### [Matt Jacob's health literacy series includes:](#)

- The Power of Audience Insight
- Using Storytelling to Engage
- Making Data Count Building
- Your Social Media Presence
- Speaking Up for Fluoride

**With much appreciation and sincerest gratitude,  
we wish to thank our 2022 Coalition Partners!**



## Your Contribution Matters

Please make plans to contribute to your favorite nonprofit either through [AmazonSmile](#), by choosing TxOHC as your charity as you do your online shopping, or by the donation button below.

TxOHC is also raising funds with Planet Green Recycle through our ink cartridges recycling fundraiser. [Click here](#) to request your FREE USPS shipping label to recycle your inks. Be sure to type in our Program ID Code: 32140 when completing the shipping form.

Your contribution is essential to our continued efforts and will make a real difference in the lives of thousands of your neighbors. **Please share in our vision to make optimal health a reality for all Texans.** Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to you joining our efforts to continue this forward momentum.

**DONATE**