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Program Speaker – Jill Meyer-Lippert

Title

Making the Mouth-Body Connection in Cancer Care

Abstract

Oral side effects and untreated dental diseases can cause added pain, financial hardships, and psychological distress for those being treated for cancer. They can also lead to complications or delays in treatments, which can compromise treatment outcomes. Oral changes may have a continued negative impact throughout survivorship.

While highlighting the human element of cancer care and quality of life issues, this presentation will provide tools for a well-rounded approach to optimal patient care through a focus on prevention, patient education, and product selection.

Learning Objectives

Describe oral side effects of cancer treatments and how they may affect quality of life and mortality.
Discuss ways to avoid and manage short- term and long-term oral side effects.
Develop strategies for the medical team and dental team to work together to improve patient care.
Provide resources for patient education.

Biography

Jill Meyer-Lippert has worked in dentistry for 30 years with over 25 years as a clinical Dental Hygienist. She is the founder of Side Effect Support (<https://sideeffectsupport.com/>), an online resource for cancer patients, family caregivers, and healthcare providers to reduce harmful oral side effects of treatments, improving quality of life and treatment outcomes.

Jill is a 2014 recipient of the Sunstar Americas/RDH Award of Distinction, holds a certificate in Oncology Management, and provides consulting services with Custom Dental Solutions (<https://customdentalsolutions.com/>).

She is a member of the Registered Dental Hygienist Advisory Board for the Oral Cancer Foundation (<https://oralcancerfoundation.org/>), the Inside Dental Hygiene Advisory Board (<https://www.aegisdentalnetwork.com/idh>), Teethcloud Thought Leaders (<https://teethcloud.org/>), and was named as one of the “6 Dental Hygienists You Want to Know” by Dimensions of Dental Hygiene magazine.

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