

## Sample Agenda for Medical/Dental

### Dining with the Dentist

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**Welcome and Introductions** – 10 minutes

**Theme:** Working Together to Improve Oral Health

We recognize that all children should begin dental care with a dentist by age 1 year<sup>1</sup>, and yet not all children will access care from a dentist by their first birthday.

That leads us to the dialogue today about the need to focus on three things:

- a. The need to make appropriate recommendations to parents for dental care
- b. The need to make referrals for children at elevated risk for dental disease<sup>2</sup>
- c. The timely and appropriate management of referrals for children with an urgent need for dental care.<sup>3</sup>

So, we would like to pose three questions to the group to elicit a discussion followed by time to interact with your colleagues here today.

**Questions:**

1. What is the current reality in your area regarding early oral health care? *8 minutes*
  
2. What would the optimal referral between physicians and dentists look like in our community? *8 minutes*
  
3. What might be done to enhance mutual referrals? *8 minutes*

**Time to Share** – What else? What next?

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<sup>1</sup> Per AAP and AAPD and ADA

<sup>2</sup> Early Dental Care Needed – Caries without accompanying signs or symptoms or individuals with other oral health problems requiring care before their next routine dental visit; care needed within the next several weeks [ASTDD Basic Screening Survey, 2008]

<sup>3</sup> Urgent Need for Dental Care – Signs or symptoms that include pain, infection, or swelling; care needed as soon as possible [ASTDD Basic Screening Survey, 2008]