



MSDA
MEDICAID | MEDICARE | CHIP
SERVICES DENTAL ASSOCIATION



2017 National Medicaid-Medicare-CHIP Oral Health Symposium

Session # 1

Using Data to Improve Dental Programs

Chester Douglass, PhD, DDS

Learning Objective(s)

Participants will gain knowledge in:

- Why data is important for quality improvement in dentistry.
- Why data must be reliable
- Why data must be valid
- Why data must be relevant

Chester Douglass, DMD

Dr. Chester Douglass received his DMD from Temple University in 1965 and a PhD from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1971. Dr. Douglass served as chair of the Department of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine from 1978 to 2008.

He has published more than 140 papers in journals covering a variety of topics in health policy, oral epidemiology, and dental public health, in which he is a boarded specialist.

Dr. Douglass's research combines dental care policy and financing issues with oral epidemiology research. He is an alumnus of the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship program, past president of the American Board of Dental Public Health, past chair of the board of trustees of the Medical Foundation, and current chair of the DentaQuest Foundation board of directors.