

Spotlight on

Mouth Care Matters Phase II (Registered Professionals) ECHO network



The mouth care sessions have been very valuable to our hospice and the team. All knowledge gained has been shared with all departments and we have been able to create learning boards for staff, patients and family.

– network participant

Background



Following the success of the initial Mouthcare Matters ECHO Network aimed at non-registered professionals, this network was focussed on providing support and information to registered professionals.

Our Community

Registered professionals from a variety of professional backgrounds including nursing, dental nursing and Allied Health Professionals.



Topics Covered



- Oral assessment
- Head, neck and oral cancer
- Complex conditions
- Supporting families to assist with mouth care
- Mouth care for cognitive impairments
- Specific oral issues
- Supporting families to assist with better oral health and dignity

Network Aims



To increase knowledge, skills, and confidence around oral health



Empower participants to make changes in their daily practice



For participants to feel confident and capable to empower families to assist in carrying out oral care

Statistics

8

ECHO sessions

195

Registered participants

57

Average participants per session

95%

will apply learning into practice

Turning Learning Into Action



- "Taste for pleasure": an initiative to educate and change the language around eating and drinking at the end of life
- "The resources shared will help us shape our care plans and ensure patients have access to the highest level of care possible."
- "I will develop a robust assessment protocol"
- "We will add mouthcare to our rolling training"

What Was Most Useful?



The quality of your presenters is always good, and I like hearing from people that have been involved in preparing the guidance material (with the RCN)



I've been able to gain up to date research-based information



It was particularly helpful discussing ideas of how to support patients with dental hygiene who may have a cognitive impairment

Moving Knowledge Together

