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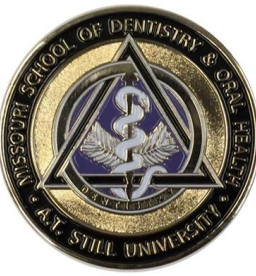
A new and innovative model between community health and an academic dental institution: Addressing oral health disparities of U.S. veterans through community and academic partnerships



# AGENDA

- EVOLUTION OF MOSDOH VETERAN PROJECT
- IDENTIFY VETERAN PATIENT POPULATIONS
- DISCUSS AVAILABLE VETERAN TREATMENT OPTIONS
- RECOGNIZE VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT OPTIONS
- REVIEW MOSDOH VETERAN PROJECT





# MOSDOH MISSION STATEMENT

A.T. Still University-Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health is an innovative and socially responsible institution committed to **whole person health**, educational excellence, research and scholarly activities, **community service**, diversity and inclusion, leadership, and technology. Graduates are prepared to **serve communities in need** while engaging in lifelong learning.

MISSION TODAY: INFORM RECOGNIZE MOTIVATE



# TARGETED PATIENT POPULATION

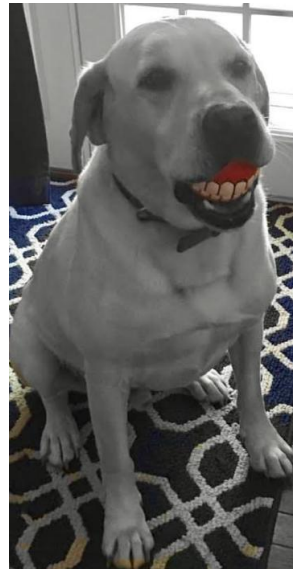
- VETERAN PATIENTS IN NEED
- LIMITED RESOURCES
- NO CONFLICT WITH LOCAL PRACTITIONERS
- NOT VA ELIGIBLE
- VETERANS WHO COULD NOT AFFORD OR RECEIVE TREATMENT ELSEWHERE



# WHO



- **ANY VETERAN**
- DD 214 (OR VA CARD) PROOF OF SERVICE OR...
- SCREENED FOR TREATMENT READINESS
- FULL
- PARTIAL



# VETERAN PATIENT POPULATIONS

- ACTIVE DUTY
- RESERVE / NATIONAL GUARD
- RETIRED
- DISABLED
- FORMER: “CITIZEN SOLDIERS”
- VA “INELIGIBLE” <100%
- “OTHERS”:
- DOCUMENTATION DD 214 or VA CARD



# EVOLUTION

- DENTISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY
  - DEXTER
  - VETS ONLY (11/2016)
- FOLLOW UP PROPOSAL TO TREAT EDENTULOUS VETS FROM SE MO
- FULL DENTURES INITIALLY: EVENTUALLY PARTIALS AS WELL
- PARTNER COORDINATION: AFFINIA, FACULTY, LAB, MATERIALS
- FUNDING:
  - 125<sup>TH</sup>, SMILE FORWARD GRANTS, 501.3(c) DONATION SOLICITATION
- SATs (VOLUNTEER FACULTY)



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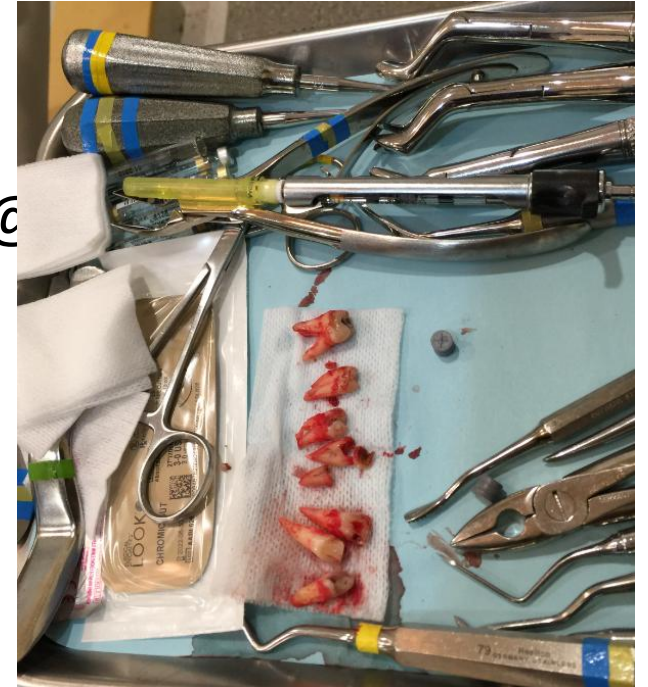
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## VETERANS DAY 2016



# MOSDOH VETERAN “MODEL”

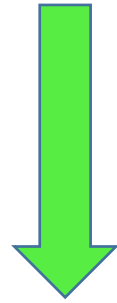
- VETERANS NEED DENTAL SERVICES (93% VETS NO DENTAL @
- STUDENTS NEED REMOVABLE PROSTHETIC SKILL SETS
- COLLABORATION
  - SCREEN AND IDENTIFY FULL DENTURE VETS
  - DD 214 VERIFICATION
  - NECESSARY EXTRACTIONS
  - NECESSARY ADDITIONAL SURGERY
  - REFERRAL TO MOSDOH FOR NO CHARGE F/F FABRICATION
  - CORDINATION TO FULLFILL ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES AND COMPETENCIES
  - EVOLUTION TO INCLUDE PARTIALS
  - POST DELIVERY ADJUSTMENTS
  - KEEP ON KEEPING ON



# PARTNER COORDINATION

- “NEGOTIATED”
- AFFINIA
  - SATURDAYS, STAFFING, FREEBIES
  - \$ “COORDINATED” REDUCED FEES

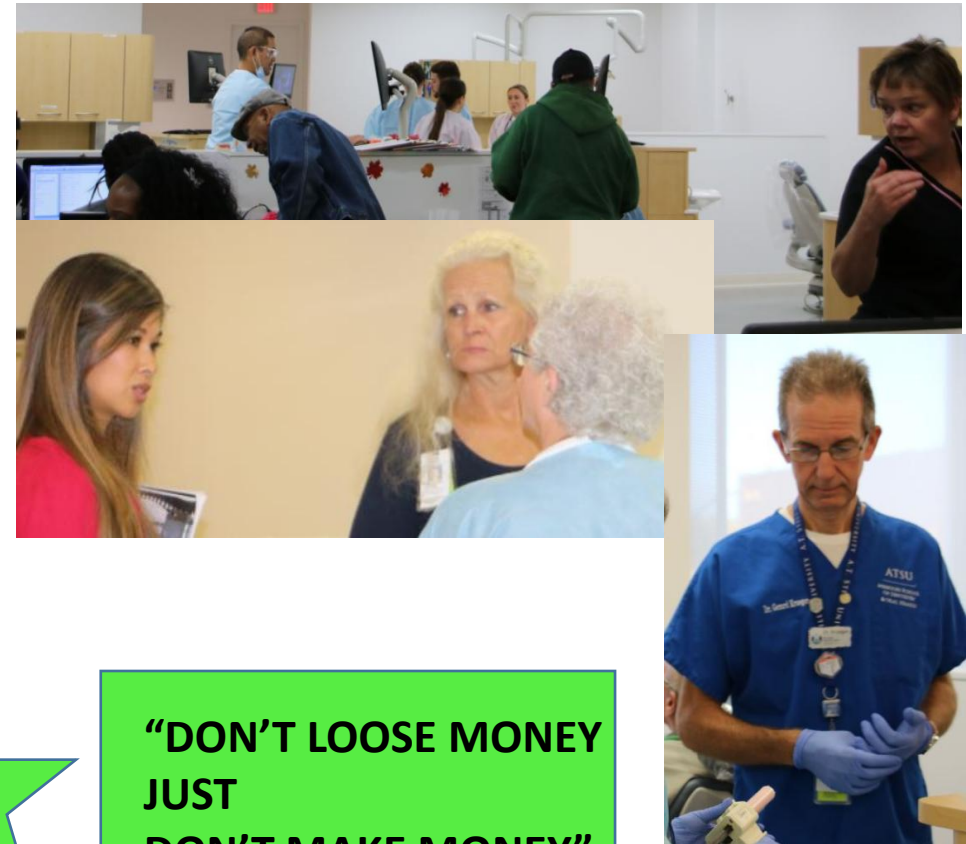
- LABORATORYs
- TEETH
- IMPRESSION MATERIAL
- FACULTY
- DONORS



DAL  
VITA  
KETTENENBACH  
ALTERNATE SAT MORNINGS VOLUNTEERS  
LICENSED DRs IN PRIVATE OFFICES

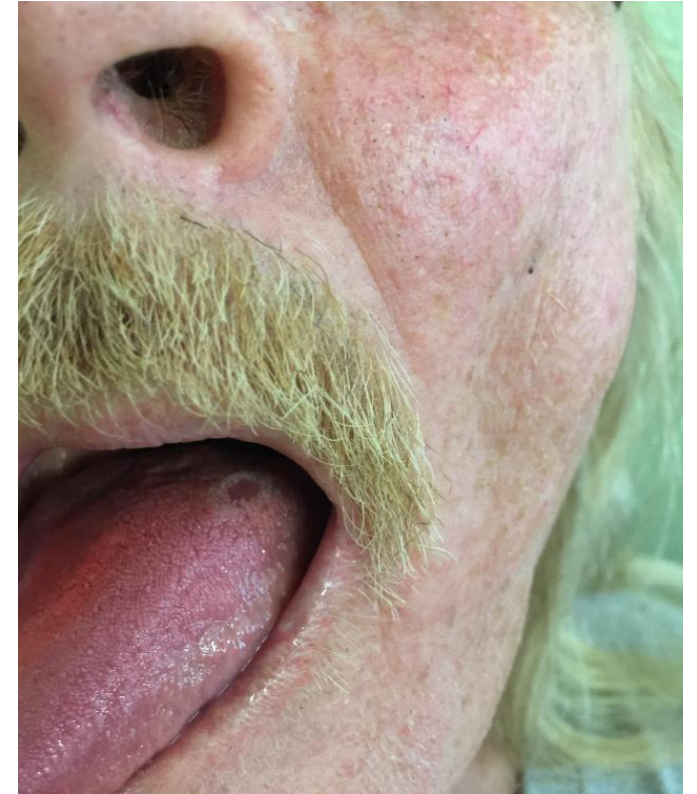


**“DON’T LOOSE MONEY  
JUST  
DON’T MAKE MONEY”**



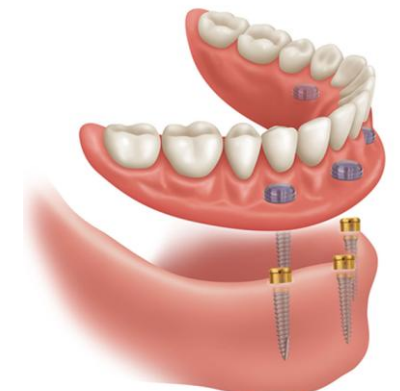
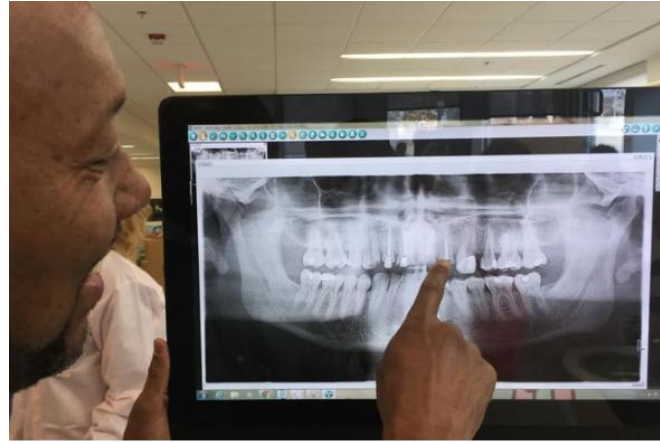
# VALUE OF FREEBIE TREATMENT

- IOE EOE
- DENTURES
- PARTIALS
- EXTRACTIONS (THOUSANDS @ NO CHARGE)
  - SIMPLE
  - SURGICAL
- OTHER DONATED SERVICES (PRE PROS, IMPLANTS)
- CONTRIBUTIONS
- STUDENT EXPERIENCES: BONDING, MANAGING, SKILLS



# “OUTSIDE” MOSDOH DENTAL COMMUNITY COORDINATION

- PERIO: SLCC
- PROSTHODONTIST
- ORAL SURGEONS
- PERIODONTIST
- FACULTY AND OTHER LICENSED DENTISTS
  - EXTRACTIONS
  - PRE PROS SURGERY
  - IMPLANT OVERDENTURES



# NEW VETERAN PATIENT FREE SCREENINGS

- CHECK IN:
- PAPERWORK: “THIS IS A DENTAL SCHOOL”
  - HEALTH HISTORY, SIGNATURES, BP, etc.
- START CHECK
  - PANO
  - EMERG EXTRACTIONS
  - F AND/OR P
- PRIORITY TO D4
- PATIENTS OF RECORD
- IDENTIFICATION LISTS: PT, ID, NEEDS ETC
- COORDINATED LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR D1 + D2



He is so happy! And he looks like my dad again! And I can understand him when he talks! This is life changing! We can't thank you enough! ❤️



# FINANCIAL SOURCES

- ATSU GRANTS
  - DEXTER AND STL
  - KIRKSVILLE
- VETERANS SMILE FORWARD 501.3C
- ADDITIONAL GRANTS



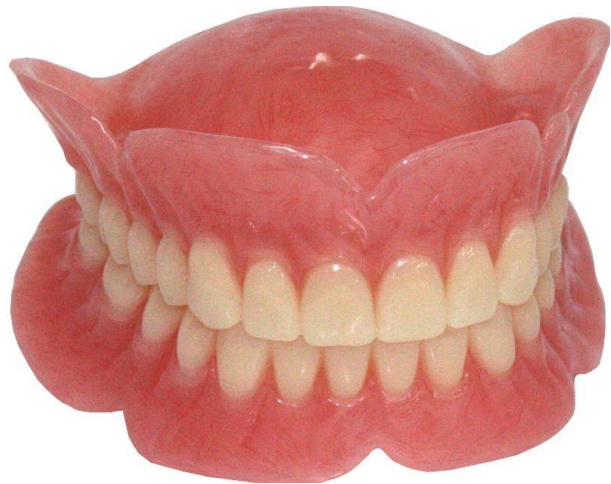
# SMILE FORWARD VETERANS



Restricted funds will be applied to veteran patients only. By offering funding assistance for those most in need of oral healthcare services, ATSU-MOSDOH students will obtain the variety and number of patient encounters needed to become the best and brightest dental professionals of tomorrow, while also increasing the overall health and wellness of the greater St. Louis community.

# WHAT

- FULL UPPER DENTURE
- FULL LOWER DENTURE
- RPD
- OTHER SERVICES



- SAINT LOUIS DENTAL CENTER
- TIME LINES
  - HEALING
  - FABRICATION
- WHAT IS “COVERED”
- WHAT IS NOT

# WHEN

- AS DELINEATED
  - 6 VISITS
    - INITIAL
    - FINAL IMPRESSIONS
    - JAW RELATIONS
    - TRY IN
    - DELIVERY
    - ADJUSTMENTS



WHY



**“YOU GAVE ME MY SMILE BACK!”**

**“YOU GAVE ME MY DIGNITY BACK!”**



# BENEFITS OF F/F MOSDOH VET PROJECT

- EDUCATION
- VALUE OF TREATMENT FOR VETERANS
- INTERACTION BETWEEN FACULTY AND STUDENTS
- INTERACTION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND VETERANS
- INTERACTION BETWEEN KIRKSVILLE AND STL
- D1 D2 STUDENTS AS ASSISTANTS
- LOGISTICS, MATERIALS AND TEACHING
- STUDENT ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES AND COMPETENCIES
- FACULTY: STUDENT RATIO
- ALL VOLUNTEERS SATURDAY TREATMENT



# REMOVABLE PROS FABRICATION @ MOSDOH

- IDENTIFICATION OF PATIENTS
- SCREENING/ PRELIMINARY TREATMENT (EXTRACTIONS etc)
- ADMIN: APPOINTMENTS, REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS, MED HX etc
- SEQUENCING OF APPOINTMENTS - CONTINUITY OF CARE → SCHEDULE MANAGEMENT
- SCHEDULING: SATURDAYS AM
- MATERIALS
- LAB COORDINATION
- POST OP
- COMPLETED CARE



# PARTNERS

- ATSU FACULTY
- AFFINIA
- LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH
- DAL
- VITA
- KETTENBACH
- DENTISTS IN COMMUNITY



# NUMBERS

- >2000 VETERAN ENCOUNTERS AT 1500 PARK
- >665 VETS COMPLETED
- >1330 ARCHES FULL AND PARTIALS DELIVERED
- STUDENTS FROM ALL CLASSES
- VALUE OF TREATMENT ... PRICELESS



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# PR: ATSU, AFFINIA AND MOSDOH

- GETTING THE WORD OUT
- NEWSPAPER
- MAGAZINES
  - ATSU
  - ADA
  - ADEA
- TV
- RADIO
- PODCASTs
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- ETC



LOCAL NEWS

## 'I got my smile back' | Veterans help veterans get new teeth and outlook at St. Louis Dental Center

# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- GET THE WORD OUT: IDENTIFY AND REFER A VET
- RECOMMEND TO STUDENTS
- DENTISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY: PARTICIPATE EXAMS OR DEXTER
- DONATE TIME AND OR \$
- LICENSED DENTISTS: HELP WITH NO CHARGE EXTRACTIONS +/- OR SURGERY



# 2025



I almost did not recognize him! I'm hoping you already faceted him and saw him without the beard so I don't ruin the surprise...  
& Dr. Silva is the one on the left!

8:47 AM

Thank You so much. He did FaceTime me on Saturday but we actually got to see him in person on Sunday. Even as his Mom I had to take a second look in person to realize it was my son. Lol.

We thank you, Dr. Silva, Affinia, and the Kaufman Foundation so very much for everything.

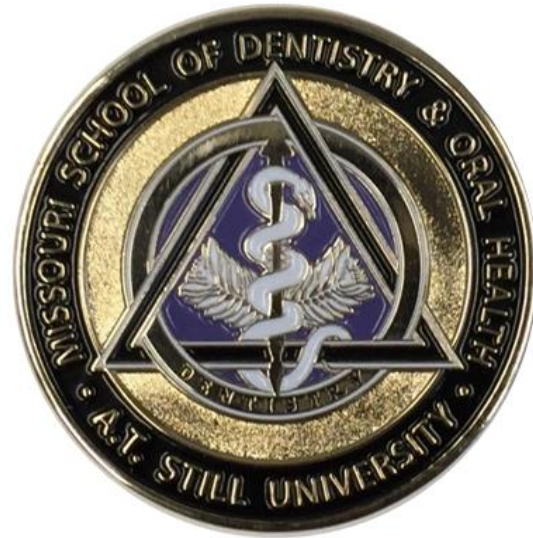


Please feel free to share your experience through the Smiles for Veterans Program.

*This place put my fear of dentistry at ease  
The students here definitely know what  
they are doing! Keep up the great work.*

**THANK YOUs ALL AROUND**

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