

# Optimal Oral Health: Measure It to Manage It



Dental caries is a reversible infection that is not resolved with restorative dentistry. Head, neck and oral cancer rates continue to rise. Periodontal disease starts with a biofilm-based infection that creates a wound that, in turn, induces the inflammatory cascade responsible for the disease. With increasing research pointing to the connection between oral disease and medical conditions, our goal must change to optimal health. Early recognition ensures earlier intervention and disease prevention. Metrics can give us the power to quickly arrive at data-driven decisions to measure the impact of our work toward optimal patient health.

## Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the participant will:

- Discover why we might leave stain behind.
- Review the ADPIED dental hygiene process of care to identify the causative and influencing factors that can be reduced, eliminated, or prevented.
- Determine the most accurate risk assessment, diagnosis and treatment codes.
- Learn to write SOAP notes and Twitter-Style dental-medical necessity documentation.
- Discover success strategies through case studies and Carus Hygiene Metrics.

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Patti believes dentistry is no longer just about fixing teeth; dentistry *is* oral medicine. As a navigator and long-time clinician, she guides audiences through the rough waters of coding. Her efforts have assisted thousands of professionals to code more accurately and efficiently. In fact, the American Dental Association recognized her expertise by inviting her to write a chapter in its *CDT 2017 Companion* book and again for *CDT 2018 Companion*. Patti holds publishing and speaking licenses with ADA for *Current Dental Terminology*©2018 and a license for *SNODENT*©2018 diagnostic coding.



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