Different Disciplines...

...Same Goal
Improving Quality of Life
32% of low income 3rd graders have untreated tooth decay

Prevalence of Untreated Decay Among Seniors and 3rd Graders in Massachusetts

- Meal Site (2009)
- LTC Facilities (2009)
- Low-Income 3rd Graders (2007)
- MA Average 3rd Graders (2007)

"The Oral Health of Massachusetts Children, Denise Quest Institute, 2007."
New Hampshire numbers

- 2014: over 1.3 million....199,000 age 65 and over
- 5% in LTC: almost 10,000
- 70% dentate in LTC: 7000

http://www.newhampshire-demographics.com/
Nursing Homes/Skilled Facilities

- Must provide or obtain from an outside the following dental services to meet the needs of each resident:
  - Routine dental services to the extent covered under the State plan
  - Emergency dental services

- Must, if necessary, assist the resident
  - In making appointments
  - By arranging for transportation to and from the dentist's office

- Must promptly refer residents with lost or damaged dentures to a dentist