Presents:

Oral Care for the Dependent Elderly

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I. Issue
   A. Lack of oral care for dependent elderly
      1. No access to care by professionals
         a. No insurance benefits for residents
         b. No dentist on staff
         c. No dental equipment for DDS to work at facility
         d. Lack of Transportation
         e. Ability of residents to be transported
         f. Dental offices are not equipped to serve this population
   B. Quality of life issues as a result of oral condition

II. Profile of current residential facility residents
   A. Age
   B. Type of dental care they are accustomed to
   C. Typical oral condition

III. Profile of future residential facility residents
   A. Baby Boomers
   B. Type of dental care they are accustomed to
   C. Typical oral condition

IV. Oral Health Education of Primary Care Givers
   A. Nurses
      1. Oral Care Education
      2. Typically do not provide daily oral care to residents
   B. Nursing Assistants
      1. Oral Care education is very limited
      2. Basic instruction in brushing and flossing
      3. Are not taught connections between oral and systemic health

V. Role of Dental Hygienist
   A. Provide oral care at residential facility
      1. The ideal world
         a. Modern Dental equipment
         b. Dentist on Staff
         c. Appointments made by in house scheduler
         d. Patients are cooperative
         e. All patients receive hygiene services on a regular basis as needed by each individual resident
      2. The REAL world
         a. Dental equipment is less than operational- if there is any at all
         b. No dentist on staff-if there is he is retired and satisfies mandatory screening requirements only
         c. Dental hygienists are not allowed in facility with out a dentist
         d. Appointments consist of dentist doing screenings bed side
B. Provide In-service Training at Facilities
   1. Problems with this
   2. Solution to problems
      a. Adopt a Residential Facility Model
         1. What is this?
            - Each Hygienist adopts a nursing facility
            - Hygienist provides yearly or bi-annual in-service training
         2. How it works
            - Hygienist is provided with course content yearly
      3. Advantages of this model
         - Dental hygienist is doing community service
         - Many facilities are being served and educated
         - Education is universal so all facilities are on the same page regarding oral care
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