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**WOMEN'S HEALTH IN THE  
DENTAL SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

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# WOMEN'S HEALTH IN INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

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# GOALS

- BRIEF OVERVIEW OF 2011 SURVEY
- DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
- DESCRIBE POLICY AND PRACTICE IMPLICATIONS

**EPIDEMIOLOGY, ETIOLOGY,  
TREATMENT & PREVENTION OF  
CONDITIONS/DISORDERS IN WOMEN**

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## Epidemiology, Etiology, Treatment, & Prevention of Conditions/Disorders in Women Required Course (%)

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Breast Cancer	89	11	Sexually transmitted disease	88	12
Pelvic inflammatory disease	88	12	Osteoporosis	100	0
Cervical dysplasia/cancer	88	12	Migraine/other headache disorder	88	12
Coronary artery disease	89	11	Temporomandibular joint disease	88	12
Stroke syndrome	88	12	Dental implants	89	11
Hypertension	89	11	Dentures	75	25
Diabetes	88	12	Periodontal disease & tooth loss		
Obesity	89	11	Alveolar bone loss in postmenopausal women	100	0
Lipoprotein disorders	88	12	Fibromyalgia	78	12
Lung cancer	88	12	Chronic Fatigue	75	25
Oral cancer	88	12	Alzheimer's disease	75	25
HIV and related disorders	88	12	Anemia	75	25

**Epidemiology, Etiology, Treatment, & Prevention of Conditions/Disorders in Women  
Required Course (%)**

**Immunologic Disease:**

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Systemic Lupus	89	11	Rheumatoid arthritis	89	11
Scleroderma	89	11	Thyroid disorders	89	11
Sjogren's syndrome	89	11	Pemphigoid, pemphigus	89	11

**Epidemiology, Etiology, Treatment, & Prevention of Conditions/Disorders in Women  
Impacts of the Use of the Following Medications (Rx & OTC)  
Required Course (%)**

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Contraceptives	100	0	Antibiotics	100	0
Antihypertensives	100	0	Dietary supplements	100	0
Antianxiety	100	0	Weight Control Obesity	88	12
Tranquilizers	100	0			

# IN WHICH ACADEMIC PERIOD ARE THEY OFFERED?

■ YEAR 1	0%
■ YEAR 2	86%
■ YEAR 3	14%
■ YEAR 4	0%
■ NOT OFFERED	0%

# METHOD OF ASSESSMENT?

■ MCQ	100%	
■ O	0%	
■ OB		0%
■ OSCE	0%	
■ NOT OFFERED		0%

KEY: MCQ=multiple choice questions, O=oral examination, OB=observation, OSCE=objective structured clinical examination



# IF OFFERED AS A REQUIRED COURSE, ARE THERE ALSO ANY ELECTIVES?

- YES 0%
- NO 100%

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS TO INCLUDING MORE INFORMATION IN DENTAL CURRICULA ON TOPICS ON WOMEN'S HEALTH?
- HOW/WHERE WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THAT WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES BE PRESENTED IN THE CURRICULUM?
- HOW CAN WE DEVELOP OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AROUND WOMEN'S HEALTH?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- HOW CAN WE DEVELOP CONTENT AND CONTENT EXPERTS IN THE AREA?
- SHOULD ADEA PROVIDE TEACHING MODULES THAT CAN BE ADAPTED AS APPROPRIATE? IF SO, WHO WOULD CREATE THEM AND WITH WHAT PROCESS? (GROUP? WAAC? INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT FUNDED BY A GRANT? ETC)

# POLICY AND PRACTICE IMPLICATIONS

- WOMEN'S HEALTH HAS BECOME A MAJORITY/MINORITY ISSUE
- WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES ARE LARGELY INVISIBLE IN DENTAL EDUCATION
- IF WE DO NOT EDUCATE DENTAL PROFESSIONALS ABOUT WOMEN'S HEALTH/ORAL HEALTH ISSUES, WHAT LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE CAN WE EXPECT FROM OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS?

# MOVING FORWARD

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- WORKING LUNCH
- DISCUSS STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION