



Bridging the Patient Financial Gap with Help from Students

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Student Patient Assistant Program (SPAP)

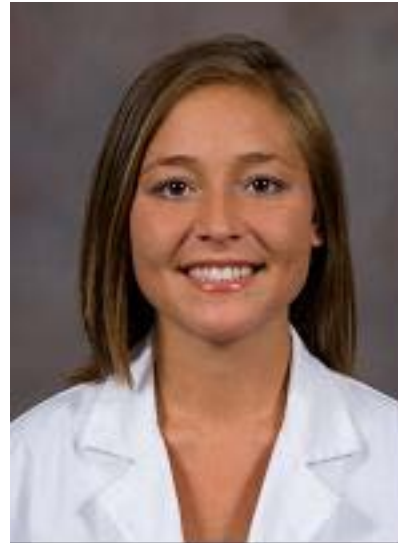
Mission:



“Provide care & monetary support for patients committed to improving their oral health by targeting disease control and prevention”

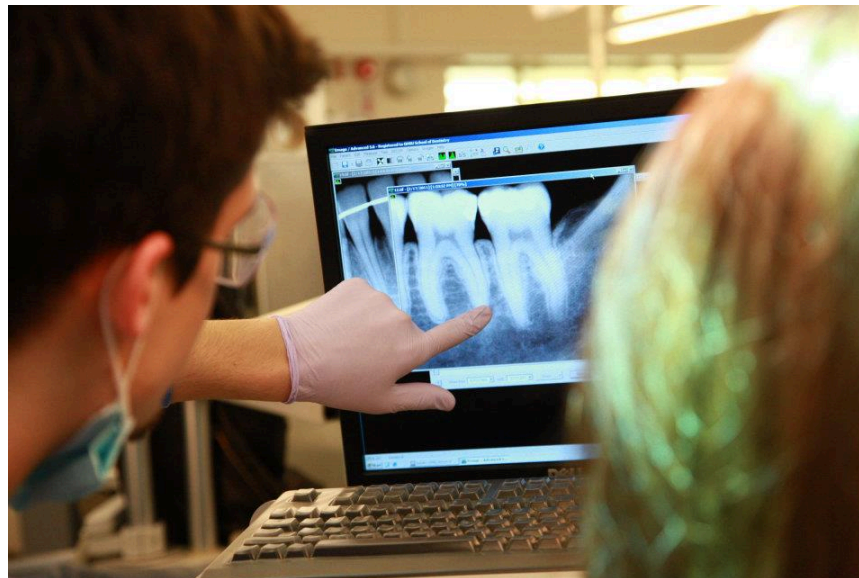
What makes the OHSU SPAP program unique?

- Student created Fall 2012
 - 4th year students, Geoff Peterson & Erica Coe
- Student lead
- Student patient population

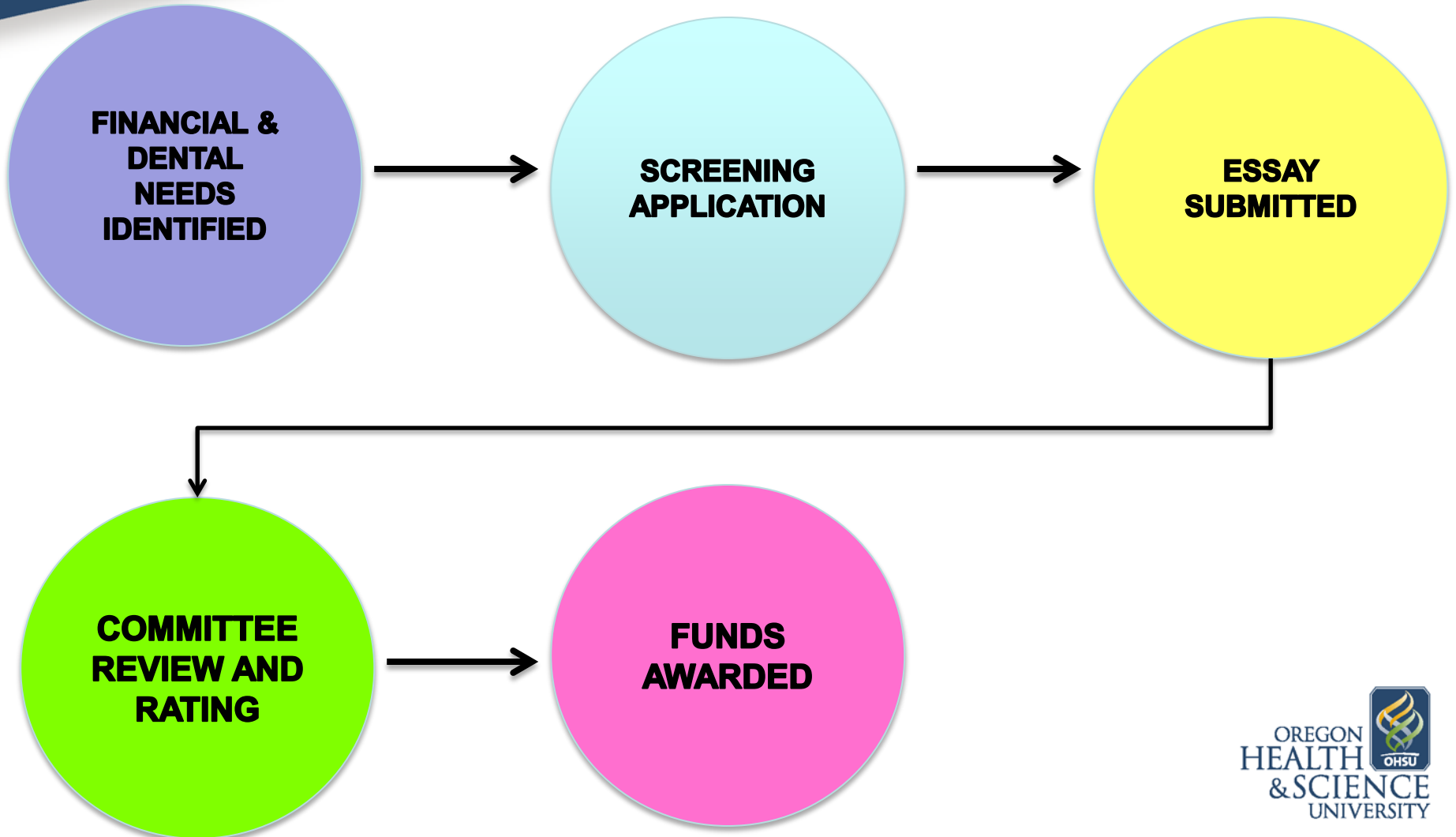


SPAP Patient Award Process

- Patient:
 - Low income, little or no insurance coverage
 - Shows a commitment to oral health
 - In the disease control phase of treatment



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- 14 students on committee
- Students along with faculty mentor evaluate patient assistance applications
- Selection is made on a point system based on needs



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- SPAP commits 50% of treatment cost, up to \$500 per award
- Over 40 patients to date received SPAP assistance
- Over \$13,000 awarded to patients



OHSU Support for SPAP

- Maintained by the OHSU Foundation
- School provides the venue for monthly committee meetings and fundraising opportunities
- School provides faculty mentor support & administrative support



Fundraising for SPAP

- Revenue streams:
 - Donations from individuals
 - Donations from organizations
 - Bake sales
 - Foundation grant proposal (\$5,000 submitted 9/14)
 - Gold crown removal proposal

Getting the Word Out...

- Outreach & Awareness:
 - Posters
 - Oregon Dental Convention
 - ODA Newsletter
 - Dental Society Visits
 - Website
 - Presentations



Other PAPs for SOD Patients

- Pediatric Patient Support:
 - Low Income Support: Donor funded
 - Low Income Support: Student run BBQ function
- Orthodontics Patient Support:
 - Foster Children Support: Donor funded



Win, Win Situation

- Patient receives treatment
- Helps students understand patient financial constraints
- Builds strong student/patient relationship
- Student gets the clinical experiences
- School receives revenue



SPAP Funding Recipient

“I am so pleased to finally have a chance to catch up on my dental care. Also, I am very glad to be a part of OHSU School of Dentistry, and to meet so many young, talented dental students.”

Donations to SPAP

**Donations & more
information on the SPAP
fund**

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