Improving Mouth Care for Adult Patients in Hospital (MAH) – “OPEN WIDE!”

ABHB Team:
• Executive Nurse Director
• Assistant Director of Nursing PSQ & Patient Experience
• Clinical Director Dental Services
• Divisional Nurse & PSQ representation
• Senior Nurses
• Ward Managers & Mouth Care Champions
• Dental Hygienists
• Our Patients!
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Progress & Achievements:
- Currently being piloted across 3 Divisions and in 5 inpatient areas of ABHB
- Mouth care assessment being performed within 24hrs of admission
- Implementation of appropriate mouth care plan and mouth care monitoring form.
- Use of safety briefing to handover specific information and the total number of patients on A,B&C plans.
- ABCi support identified to assist with data collation aspects of implementation
- Improved standard of documentation and recording of care regarding this element of patient care provision
- Dental support now available for inpatients
- Staff training
Barriers

• Independent v Dependant patients
• Level of documentation and auditing requirements
• Limited support to facilitate measurement
• Spread

Next Steps

• Consolidation of measurement & auditing practice
• Spread to early adopter sites
• Increase teaching sessions
• Formal auditing of the prescribing of oral care products and associated medicines
• Rollout of e learning tool for MAH