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## Dental Referrals through EHR

Medical providers can send referrals directly to DentistLink through an Electronic Health Record (EHR) or Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system! DentistLink is a free dental referral service for anyone in Washington, brought to you by Arcora Foundation, the foundation of Delta Dental of Washington. We have referral specialists on staff to connect your patients with dental providers to help them get the care they need. Open to Apple Health (Medicaid), uninsured, and insured.

## Integrating DentistLink into Your EHR

Using your EHR or EMR, like EPIC or Cerner, you can easily refer patients to urgent or routine dental care, regardless of their insurance status. This not only reduces dental emergencies in emergency rooms, but also helps take care of a patient's overall health.

To get started your electronic health or medical record system should:

1. Be able to send direct secure messages.
2. Allow your staff or doctors to submit referrals to external organizations.
3. Be able to limit referral options by location as DentistLink refers only in Washington State.

Once you are connected to DentistLink, we will help to test the referrals and train your staff on how DentistLink works for your clients or patients.

Please email Carl George, Outreach Specialist,  
[cgeorge@arcorafoundation.org](mailto:cgeorge@arcorafoundation.org) with any other questions you have.

## Why Oral Health is Important to Overall Health

- Dental disease can interfere with sleep, eating healthy foods, learning, and self-esteem.
- Infections in the mouth and inflammation can spread to other parts of the body.
- Oral disease is linked to diabetes and pregnancy complications, heart disease, and other serious illnesses.
- Untreated tooth decay leads to enormous health care costs.
- Emergency room visits can result in enormous bills for patients, many with minimal ability to pay.

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