

## Scholarship Available from Virginia Oral Health Coalition for Dental-Medical Team to Participate in Cutting-Edge Leadership Training Program



Health care providers are well-aware that poor oral health is linked to diabetes, adverse pregnancy outcomes, heart disease, childhood illnesses, even lost school and work hours -- yet oral health is an isolated, and often too neglected, part of health care. The Virginia Oral Health Coalition (VaOHC) is excited to partner with the Medical Society of Virginia (MSV) Foundation to encourage motivated medical-dental teams to explore how health care teams can work together to incorporate oral health into their patient care, while deepening their leadership and partnership skills.

To that end, VaOHC is offering two \$2,500 scholarships to enable two- or three-person inter-professional clinical teams that include a physician or nurse and a dentist to participate in MSV's leadership program, *evolve™*:

*evolve™ is a unique program designed to provide clinical teams with the leadership, business and innovation skills needed to be successful and sustainable in today's changing health care environment. evolve™ was created by the Medical Society of Virginia Foundation and its partners to help...define their future within a rapidly changing health care system.*

*evolve™ participants meet in four, in-person learning labs over a span of four to five months. The learning labs are designed to address a set of cross-cutting themes including leadership thinking, emerging business models, innovation, human-centered care, and clinical excellence. Each learning lab features expert faculty who share knowledge and facilitate discussions on key topics.*

*Learning continues in the evolve™ online learning portal where participants and faculty interact by exchanging knowledge and insights around readings, videos, and course materials. Participants put their learning into practice by conducting an evolve™ capstone project.*

VaOHC is specifically interested in funding a team comprised of a dentist with a physician or nurse whose capstone project will demonstrate the value and importance of ensuring a patient's oral health is part of their overall health care, either for a specific chronic condition or system wide. The \$2,500 scholarship will count toward the \$5,000 per-team cost of participating in this unique learning and leadership opportunity. If one member of the team is a member of the Medical Society of Virginia or the Virginia Nurses Association, their participation fee is discounted by 50%; the VaOHC scholarship will then enable the team to participate at no cost to the participants.

**To apply for this scholarship, please complete the attached application form and return it to Sarah Bedard Holland, Executive Director of the Virginia Oral Health Coalition, at [sholland@vaoralhealth.org](mailto:sholland@vaoralhealth.org) by Friday, August 22.**

**For more information on *evolve™*, please visit <http://msvfevolve.com>.**

## Virginia Oral Health Coalition *evolve*™ Scholarship Application Form

Please answer all questions and return to Sarah Bedard Holland, Executive Director of the Virginia Oral Health Coalition, at [sholland@vaoralhealth.org](mailto:sholland@vaoralhealth.org) by Friday, August 22.

1. For each member of your team, please provide his/her name, clinic name, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address and website (if applicable). Also, please attach each team member's CV to this application. **Please denote who, if any, of your team are members of the Medical Society of Virginia OR the Virginia Nurses Association.**

2. What is your team hoping to get out of its participation in *evolve*™? (300 words or less)

3. How would your team's participation demonstrate the value and importance of integrating oral health and overall medical health? Please include any ideas you have for a capstone project that reinforces this connection. (300 words or less)

4. In summary, why should VaOHC choose your team for this scholarship? (300 words or less)

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