

ASPR TRACIE Speaker Series Brief Speaker Biographies

Healthcare Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic Speaker Series

The Impact of the Pandemic on Oral Health

LCDR Folasayo Adunola, DDS, MPH

Dental Officer, Health Resources & Services Administration

LCDR Adunola is a graduate of the University of Maryland College Park (Public Health, BS), University of Maryland Baltimore School of Dentistry (DDS), and University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine (MPH). She completed her Dental Public Health residency at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), National Institute of Health (NIH) and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health. She commissioned to the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) in 2016 as a Public Health Analyst at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health. She served as a Public Health Analyst at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB), Division of Community HIV/AIDS Programs (DCHAP) for over four years. Currently, she is a Dental Officer in the Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA. Her primary research interests are to understand the role of non-financial factors such as health literacy and perceived need on health care utilization. In addition, she is interested in primary care and oral health care integration models.

Raymond Cohlmlia, DDS

Executive Director, American Dental Association

Dr. Cohlmlia is the executive director of the American Dental Association, the nation's leading advocate for oral health. Dr. Cohlmlia graduated in 1988 from The University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. He was in private practice for 26 years prior to becoming full-time faculty at The University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, where he served as its Dean for seven years prior to his appointment at the ADA. Dr. Cohlmlia has served many capacities in the local, state, and national level for the association. He most recently served from 2015 to 2019 as District XII Trustee and was elected to the Board of the American Dental Association Science and Research Institute, where he served as its founding chair. He is known nationally for his leadership in the association and in dental education. His innovative model of clinical care delivery in the college has led many dental institutions to adapt this new model of patient care. He is very active in his church that was founded by his great-grandfather. He comes from a family of dentists, including his father, brother, and numerous relatives. He and his wife have three sons of which two are general dentists

Ann Lynch

Director of Advocacy, American Dental Hygienists' Association

Ms. Lynch joined the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) in June 2012, as the Director of Advocacy. As leader of the division, her responsibilities include developing the strategy and execution of ADHA's advocacy efforts on the federal level and directing the governmental affairs staff in their

support and counsel to ADHA's state organizations. Ann is committed to creating opportunities for dental hygienists and increasing oral health care access across the country.

Ann brings to the position extensive experience in public policy, having served from 2007-2010 as a member of the Minnesota Senate, representing Rochester and surrounding communities. During her time in the Senate, she served on several committees including the Health, Housing and Family Security Committee and as Vice-Chair of the Health and Human Service Budget Division.

Prior to her service in the Minnesota State Senate, Ann was a director on the Rochester Minnesota School Board. Lynch received her Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and management from Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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