Dying From Dirty Teeth... Oral Health of Dependent Adults: A Problem and a Viable Solution

Course Description: As our population continues to age, and more people become dependent on nursing home care, the problem of poor oral health is growing quickly. And it turns out, teaching care providers to brush and floss their clients’ teeth is not really the best answer. Something needs to be done to stop this epidemic and the needless suffering of our elders. This course addresses oral care issues facing dependent adults, with a focus on nursing home residents and their primary care givers, namely nursing assistants and nurses. This course will get attendees energized about caring for this population. Come hear about opportunities to help this population and feel the excitement! (Appropriate for Dentists, Hygienists and Dental Assistants.)

Course Objectives: After completing this program, the dental professional should be able to:
1. Recognize the massive need for dental professionals to be involved in the oral care of dependent adults and that people in this population are often times dying of dirty teeth.
2. Understand why teaching care teams about brushing and flossing dependent elder’s teeth does not translate to improved oral health of this population.
3. List the various simple advanced treatment modalities that exist to improve the oral health of dependent elders.
4. Discuss the ways a dental professional can assist care teams with improving their oral care efforts.
5. Realize how dental professionals can help dependent adults directly to not only improve their dental health but also their systemic health.

About Your Speaker: Angie Stone, RDH, BS
Angie Stone, RDH, BS began her career in the Navy as a dental assistant. After completing her enlistment, she continued to assist while obtaining her hygiene degree. As Angie practiced hygiene, she completed her bachelors in psychology. She has taught in dental assisting and dental hygiene programs. She has also provided onsite education to dental professionals in 40 states, the District of Columbia, and 5 countries and territories. In addition to numerous published articles, her original research regarding xylitol and elders was published in a peer reviewed medical journal in November of 2013. Angie’s Amazon Best Seller, Dying from Dirty Teeth, was launched in March of 2015. Her company, HyLife, LLC, brings oral care services to dependent elders because they shouldn’t “die from dirty teeth.” Angie is a six time attendee of CareerFusion and was awarded the Sunstar Award of Distinction in 2012 for her work with xylitol and the geriatric population.

Angie’s book, Dying From Dirty Teeth, is now available. This is a great way for attendees to take Angie home with them and learn more about elders oral health, why this is happening, and what to do about it. Signed copies of the book are available for purchase at this event.