

Welcome to Today's Request for Research Proposals Information Session

Thank you for joining early! Today's session will begin shortly.



About CareQuest Institute

We are on a mission to improve the oral health of all by creating a system that is accessible, equitable, and integrated.

We champion oral health transformation because good overall health depends on good oral health.





Driving Change

To drive meaningful change, we address key oral health issues through a variety of perspectives and solutions.





Are you looking for more free dental CEs?

On your own time, explore our interactive, self-paced courses — featuring experts from across the industry — on topics shaping the future of oral health (and earn free CEs).



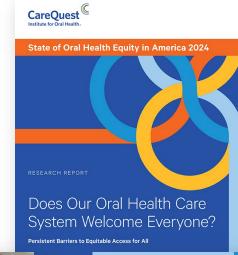
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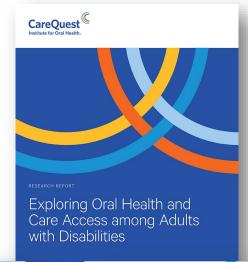




State of Oral Health Equity in America

- Largest nationally representative annual survey about oral health
- Find out what 9,000 US adults had to say about their experiences with the oral health care system





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Learn more





CareQuest 6 The Dental Home Is Where Good Oral Health Starts Sociodemographic Factors Associated with Having a Usual Source of Dental Care If you woke up tomorrow with a toothache, a broken tooth, or another oral health problem, who would you call? If your answer is something like "my dentist" or "the dental clinic I've been going to for a while," then you have a dental home. Adults participating in the nationally representative 2024 State of Oral Health Equity in America (SOHEA) survey dental practice or clinic where a person has an ongoing relationship with an oral health care provider, Individuals (N=9,307) reported whether they have a dental home and without a dental home who have an urgent dental and clinics to find a dentist to see them, traveling long distances to receive dental care, seeking dental care in an emergency department, or forgoing care altogether.

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Inequities Among LGBTQIA+ People of Color How Race and Identity Shape Oral Health Outcomes

Many individuals in the United States (US) have unique lived experiences that affect how they receive and experience the health care system.

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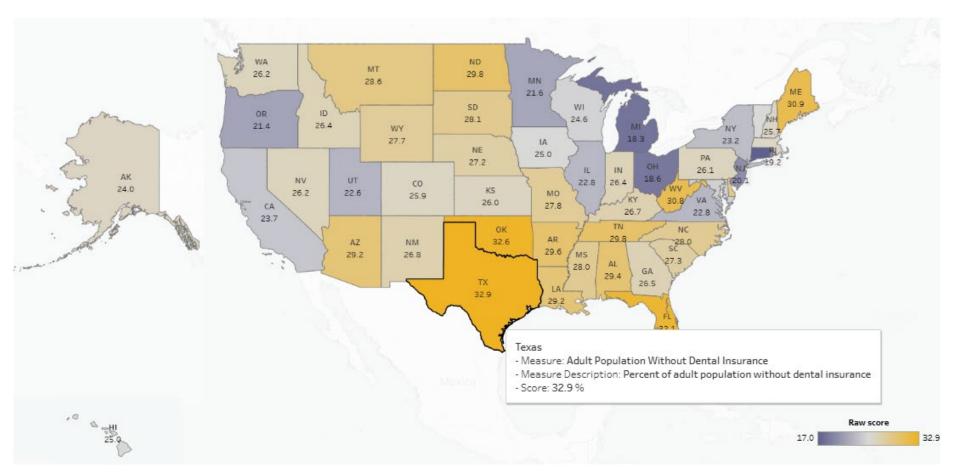
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State Oral Health Dashboard

Access data for 16 measures by state







Q&A and Closed Captioning



- Feel free to enter your questions into the **Question & Answer box** throughout the presentations.
- We will turn to your questions and comments toward the end of the hour.

If you would like **closed captioning** for this program, please go to the bottom right-hand corner of your screen, select "more" from the toolbar, and then "captions" to enable this function.





Call for Oral Health Research Proposals



Awards up to \$50,000

Utilize our extensive data resources to complete a peer-reviewed journal submission

Proposal Deadline: September 5, 2025, 5 p.m. ET

Learn More and Apply





Request for Proposals

Informational Meeting

August 8, 2025





About CareQuest Institute

At CareQuest Institute for Oral Health®, we operate as a catalyst for systems change, bringing forth ideas and solutions to create a more accessible, equitable, and integrated health system for everyone. We do this through our work in **philanthropy**, **analytics and data insights**, **education**, **policy and advocacy**, **and health transformation**, as well as our leadership in **dental benefits** and **innovation** advancements.

But we don't do it alone. Collaboration and partnership are key to achieving our mission — to improve the oral health of all.



Analytics and Data Insights (ADI) Team Mission

As the ADI Team of CareQuest Institute for Oral Health, we're here to drive systems change. We use our extensive database and unique analytical skills to drive actionable insights that lead to improved and equitable whole health outcomes and total cost of care through integrated and accessible oral, medical, and social data.



Purpose of this RFP

- Invite early-career researchers to analyze CareQuest Institute data
- Complete a research analysis project leading to a peer-reviewed journal submission
- Alignment with CareQuest's mission is essential
- Funding available: up to \$50,000 per award for direct and indirect costs (F&A capped at 15%)



Research Focus Areas

- Population oral health research through surveillance data & metrics
- Integration of medical and dental systems to improve & transform health care
- Revolutionize the health system to integrate oral health into overall health
- Understand factors that influence oral health equity for underserved populations
- Promote public policies to increase oral health care access and affordability



Eligibility Criteria

- NIH-defined early-stage investigator
 - Having completed terminal research degree or post-grad clinical training within the last 10 years, and
 - Having <u>not</u> previously successfully competed for an NIH R01 grant
- Affiliated with a U.S.-based accredited university
 - Full-time research or teaching staff
- Promising track record of conducting analyses & peer-reviewed publications
- Have expertise/technology available to analyze & report on large datasets
- Able to meet project timelines



Proposal Requirements

- Maximum of 4 pages (3 for proposal, 1 for budget)
- Sections follow abbreviated NIH SF 424 format including:

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Significance

Innovation

Approach

Resources & Environment

Personnel

Budget & Justification

Proposals will be evaluated on these criteria,
 impact, and alignment with CareQuest Institute strategies

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	1	Exceptional
High	2	Outstanding
_	3	Excellent
	4	Very Good
Medium	5	Good
	6	Satisfactory
	7	Fair
Low	8	Marginal
_	9	Poor



Available Data Resources

- Integrated medical & dental claims (39M patients, 4.9B claims)
 - Medicaid and commercial claims, other sources
- Dental claims data (35M patients, 930M claims)
 - Medicaid and commercial claims, electronic health record (EHR) extraction
- Healthcare Cost & Utilization Project (HCUP) claims data
 - Emergency Department Data (State-level trends)
- State of Oral Health Equity in America (SOHEA) Survey
 - CareQuest Institute's national oral health survey, 2021–2025
 - Yearly samples sizes range from 5,200-9,450



Timeline

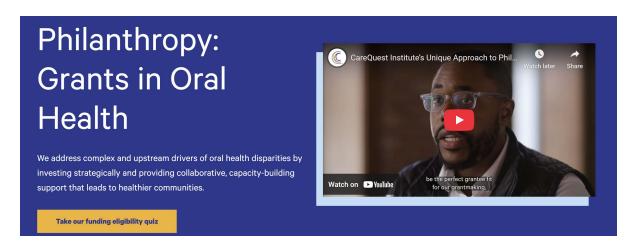
- August 1, 2025: Proposals open
- August 8, 2025: Informational meeting
- September 5, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time: Proposal deadline
- October 31, 2025: Awards announced
- January 31, 2026: Analysis plans due for approved proposals
- December 1, 2026: Draft manuscripts due for CareQuest Institute review

Send proposals (Word or PDF) to analytics@carequest.org by Sept. 5



Grants Process

- These grants are supported by the CareQuest Board of Directors, Executive Leadership team and our Philanthropy Team.
- Once awards are announced, grants will be administered through our grants process.
- Grants will run over 2 years, with the second year being a preapproved no cost extenstion





Question and Answer



Share your QUESTIONS!

Submit questions for the panelists in the Q&A box



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