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DENTAL PROJECT
Spanning Miles in Linking Everyone to Services

The Virtual Dental Home (VDH) is a proven, safe, and effective method to bring dental care to vulnerable and underserved populations. It provides essential prevention and early intervention services at a low cost per individual. The sample below highlights the process when a patient is served in this innovative environment.

Sample VDH Patient Encounter



Patient Visit Dental Hygienist

- Establish patient relationship
- Collect dental records
 - medical and dental history
 - chart dental conditions
 - images (x-rays and photos)
 - consent releases
- Perform fluoride varnish and possibly sealants
- Discuss oral hygiene instructions and dietary recommendations
- Prepare progress notes



Virtual Dental Exam Dentist (DDS or DMD)

- Virtually review and evaluate dental records
- Conduct virtual dental examination



Follow-up Visits Dental Hygienist

- Follow-up care, including ITRs (temporary fillings), sealants, other
- Complete treatment plan
- Recall preventive services and collection of new diagnostic records
- Other procedures

The vision of the **SMILES Dental Project** is that every patient has a dental home and receives regular care. Each virtual dental home site develops a process flow based on patient needs, resources, and system requirements.