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**All One Body: Creating Optimal Health Outcomes**  
***A Symposium for Medical and Dental Health Providers***

Augusta, Maine: The Maine Oral Health Coalition (formerly the Maine Dental Access Coalition) will hold a conference, *All One Body: Creating Optimal Health Outcomes, A Symposium for Medical and Dental Health Providers* at Morgan Hill Event Center in Hermon, Maine on October 18.

This symposium addresses the importance of better integration of oral health into overall health in theory and practice. As health care reform progresses with the goal of the “triple aim” (improving the experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing per capita costs) it becomes increasingly important that the professions of medicine and dentistry work effectively together.

The keynote address will be from John Luther, DDS, Chief Dental Officer at DentaQuest where he has overarching responsibilities for restructuring and managing dental networks across the country and for quality standards and procedures for the clinical practices. There will be two plenary sessions, "Tools for Integration," an overview of the components of systems change, including rewards and challenges of Interprofessional training, EHR's, and health literacy; and "Mouth Matters: What you didn't learn in school and never had a chance to ask," which will be a lively panel discussion with representation from both professions and an opportunity to ask questions and create dialogue. Breakouts will include an overview of "Smiles for Life," a national curriculum for non-dental providers; "Oral Human Papilloma Virus Infection (oral manifestations and significance); "Impact of Medications on Oral Health," when physicians and dentists need to talk; "Clinical Manifestations of Oral Disease"; and, "Oral Health Tools for Non-Dental Providers," practical knowledge to take back to the work setting.

The Northeast Delta Dental Foundation, the platinum sponsor of the symposium, is dedicated to improving access to, and quality of oral health care and education in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. “Oral health is an important and too often overlooked component of overall health,” said Northeast Delta Dental’s Community Relations Manager, Crystal Carroll. Northeast Delta Dental is committed to supporting better integration of care and offers an [online toolkit](#) to help facilitate medical and dental integration.

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