



# IMPORTANT STATE COLLABORATIONS AROUND ORAL HEALTH AND CHRONIC DISEASES

## THE NUMBER OF STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT COLLABORATE ON ...

	Tobacco use prevention	35
	Sugar sweetened drinks	31
	Opioid abuse prevention	31
	HPV vaccinations	30
	Vaping	29
	Healthy aging	22
	Oral cancer screenings	21
	Diabetes or pre-diabetes	20
	Blood pressure checks	11
	Antibiotic stewardship	8
	Rapid HIV testing	3

## OBSERVATIONS & CHALLENGES

- Oral health programs have collaborated on tobacco related issues for decades because of oral cancer and other health issues; they continue to do so around e-cigarettes, especially their use by adolescents.
- Despite a commitment to oral cancer prevention and detection, population and evidence based screening methods are not available; promotion of HPV vaccines targets a major cause of oral cancer, especially in young adults.
- Some state oral health programs only have funding to serve children, so are unable to develop programs related to chronic diseases for adults.
- Dentists have been heavy prescribers of opioids and antibiotics, contributing to adverse health consequences and public health crises.
- Dental offices are being encouraged to screen for diabetes, hypertension and HIV as they affect oral health and general health.

### ASTDD CAN HELP

We have several online resources to help states at [www.astdd.org](http://www.astdd.org). Contact us for more information: [cwood@astdd.org](mailto:cwood@astdd.org)



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