

## Integration of medical and dental care and patient data

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### Abstrak

This is the story of a simple idea (the mouth is part of the body) and what it means in the context of the complexities in healthcare organization, care delivery, provider education, and care reimbursement, along with recommendations. *Integration of Medical and Dental Care and Patient Data* seeks to optimize the delivery of healthcare by stating why isolated components of healthcare delivery need to work together, by asserting how health information technology (HIT) can help these components collaborate to improve care quality and patient safety, by documenting how existing barriers stand in way of interdisciplinary collaborative practice supported by HIT, and by recommending how to remove such barriers. The book will be of immense interest to all involved in the management of dental and medical informatics systems while providing illuminating instruction to dental professionals to help them understand the considerable challenges and extensive benefits of a cohesive electronic dental record.