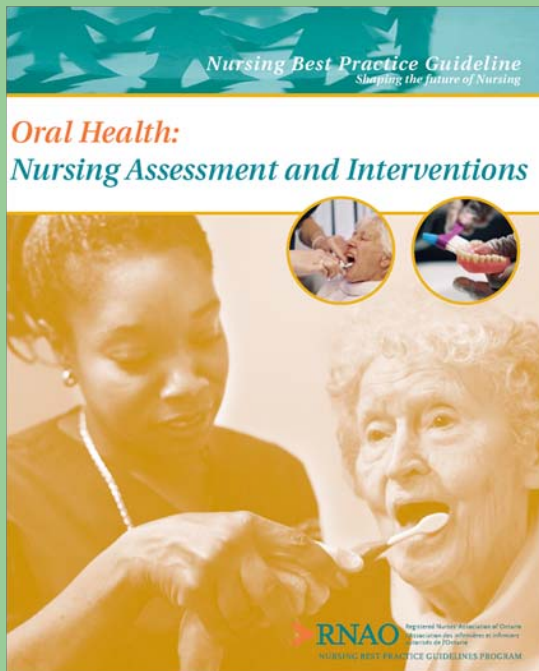


Nursing Best Practice Guidelines for Oral Hygiene Care



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Program Mandate: RNAO Nursing Best Practice Guidelines

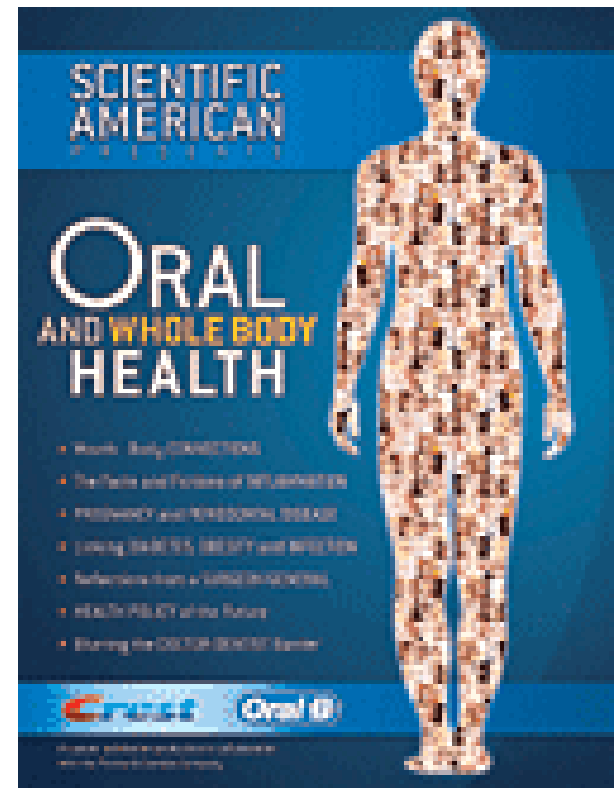
- To develop, pilot, implement, evaluate, disseminate and support the uptake of nursing best practice guidelines

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BPG Topic Identification

- Topic submissions from the nursing community – online form, proposals, letters
- Short-list of potential topics
- Priority setting – online survey with selected members of the nursing community



Program Goals: Nursing Best Practice Guidelines

- Improve patient care
- Reduce the variation in care
- Transfer research evidence into practice
- Promote nursing knowledge base
- Assist with clinical decision making
- Identify gaps in research
- Stop interventions that have little effect or cause harm
- Reduce costs

RNAO BPGs are developed using the Best Available Evidence

- Extensive Literature Review
- Appraisal of Existing Guidelines



Oral Hygiene BPG: Purpose and Scope

- to provide nurses and other health care providers with recommendations, based on the best available evidence, to support the provision of oral hygiene care to adults with special needs
- focus on specific vulnerable populations over the age of 18 (those who need assistance to meet their oral hygiene needs) and will address:
 - Assessment of oral health (incorporating screening)
 - Assessment of current oral hygiene practices
 - Interventions (incorporating care plan development)

Oral Hygiene Guideline Recommendations



Additional Resources

- RNAO Website www.rnao.org
 - Best Practice Guideline pdf downloads are free
 - Oral Hygiene for Residents with Dementia DVD \$15/each

