Our mission at Prime Mobile Dental Care is to make high quality dental services attainable for **everyone**. As part of this, we choose to bring quality dental care into the home of any patient physically unable to come to an office. Our teams travel fully staffed and equipped to private homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities in order to bring healthy smiles to everyone.

"We really appreciate that you're able to help my mother keep her teeth in good shape, especially as I'm guessing it has become more challenging to my mom to brush and floss herself as she loses some of her mobility to aging." - Kristina

"I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your visits with my mom, Leonora. You are sensitive to her fears and her difficulty and discomfort. You are also patient and kind. The care you so skillfully provide helps me feel at ease that potential health problems are being prevented." - Mitch

# **Prime Mobile Dental Staff**

Brian Koch DMD, dentist Lori Killen Aus RDHEP, MA, hygienist Heather Walker RDH, EPDH, hygienist Diana Barajas Lopez, RDH, EP hygienist Jan Young RDH, EPDH, hygienist Mary Sparkes RDH, hygienist Tonja Willey EPDH, hygienist Jeanett Woodall, mobile coordinator Beth Koch, mobile hygiene coordinator Cheryl Lauten, assistant



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Smiles All Around & Prime Dental Care have combined resources to bring the best possible mobile dentistry to the Greater Portland area!





#### Why is dental care so important?

An increasing amount of research continues to be published indicating a correlation between infection in the tissues of the mouth, commonly called periodontal disease, and system diseases. Traditionally, medicine has left the health of the mouth to dentistry; however with this ongoing information, health practitioners are taking a closer look at how important dental health is to one's general well-being.

When periodontal disease is present, there is a greater amount of bacteria in the mouth. These pathogens lead to an increased risk of heart disease, osteoporosis, auto-immune disease, diabetes, aspiration pneumonia, stroke, etc.... It is apparent that the healthier the mouth, the healthier the individual. "Preventive dentistry can extend human life ten years."

- Charles Mayo

## **Expanded Practice Hygienists**

The state of Oregon has two different types of licenses for dental hygienists. Since 1997 a licensed Oregon dental hygienist that completed specialized extracurricular qualifications is eligible to apply for an Expanded Practice Permit. This permit allows hygienists to render all dental hygiene services to residents of assisted living, residential care, nursing homes, foster care, long term care, clinics and hospitals, as well as other types of facilities without the prior examination by a dentist.

# What can an expanded practice hygienist do?

- Dental hygiene examinations
- Digital x-rays
- Oral prophylaxis (cleaning)
- Non-surgical periodontal treatment
- Fluoride varnish applications
- Denture & partial cleanings

\* If necessary, recommendation to contact mobile dentist for further treatment



## Meet our Dentist: Brian Koch DMD

Dr. Koch is a native Oregonian and graduated from Oregon Health & Science University. A dedicated member of the local community, Dr. Koch worked initially as a volunteer dentist and later in private practice before concentrating on geriatric dentistry as his ultimate career. For the past 16 years, Dr. Koch has served patients aged 55 and older, gaining experience addressing their specific dental needs. Dr. Koch works in the clinical setting as well as making home visits, traveling daily to nursing homes, care facilities and foster homes. He finds great joy in building relationships with his patients as they improve their oral health.

### What can a mobile dentist do?

- Complete examinations (as well as annual and emergency exams)
- Digital x-rays
- Fillings
- Dentures & Partials (fabricate and/or repair)
- Simple extractions