

Denturists: Alternative Healthcare Providers for Oral Health Screenings and Referrals

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What is a Denturist

- Licensed Oral Healthcare Professional
- Provides referral services
- Provides denture care
- Works independently with patient

Benefits of a Denturist

- Alleviates dental workforce shortages
- Frees up valuable chair time for procedures
 - restorative
 - cosmetic
 - emergency dental care
- Promotes oral health

Qualifications

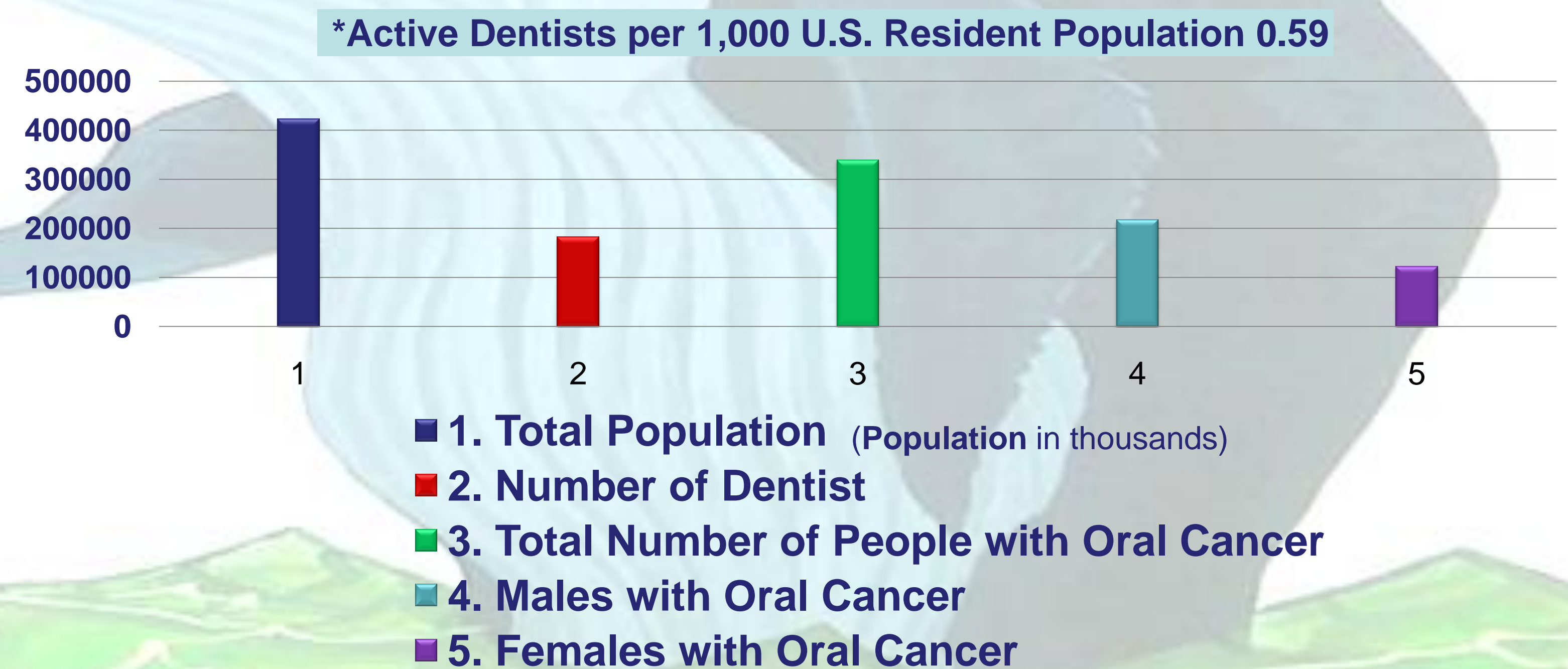
- Six semester accredited college curriculum
 - orofacial anatomy
 - physiology
 - microbiology
 - embryology
 - histology
 - oral pathology
 - infection control
 - pharmacology
 - emergency care
 - nutrition
 - gerontology
 - radiology
 - periodontology
 - denture laboratory technology
 - practical clinical procedures
 - ethics/jurisprudence

Service Intervention

- Shortage of dentists
 - retirement
 - shortage of dental schools
- Accessibility
 - economical barriers
 - rural care
- Safe delivery system
 - qualified
 - reliable
 - educated

Oral Health Care

- Surgeon General's Call to Action
- Raising awareness
 - patients
 - legislators
 - public officials
 - healthcare professionals
- Wellness
- Service to all segments of the public



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