



Welcome to ACPHD Office of Dental Health's new Dental Health Administrator, Dr. Shakalpi Pendurkar!

Alameda County Office of Dental Health is pleased to introduce our new Dental Health Administrator Dr. Shakalpi Pendurkar.

Prior to joining us, Dr. Pendurkar provided leadership on oral health in 2 Bay Area counties. Dr. Pendurkar worked as Director of the Oral Public Health Program for San Mateo County, for the past 3 years where she led the implementation of the SMC Local Oral Health and Strategic Plans. She provided leadership for developing and implementing a school-based school-linked oral health program, framework for an oral health surveillance system for monitoring and preventing oral diseases, promoting oral health and providing dental health education. She also worked with the Health Plan of San Mateo for a brief period as the Dental Director for HPSM's Medical-Dental Integration project.

For over 18 years, Dr. Pendurkar has worked as Lead Supervising Dentist at Gardner Health Services, an FQHC in the heart of downtown San Jose. She is committed to improving access to care and the overall health of her patients and has successfully advocated for the fluoridation of San Jose's drinking water. Dr. Pendurkar is part of Santa Clara County's Coalition Against Sugar-Sweetened Beverages. She is President-Elect of the Board of Directors at the Santa Clara County Dental Society, Associate member of the San Mateo Dental Society and a Delegate to both the California Dental Association and the American Dental Association. She is the Founder and Chair of the Collaborative for Oral Health and Chief Advisor to Santa Clara County LOHP.

Dr. Pendurkar has supervised residents as an Adjunct Clinical Faculty at NYU's Lutheran Medical Center Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program and has been appointed as a site visitor for AEGD programs by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Furthermore, as Adjunct Clinical Faculty for AT Still University, she has supervised fourth-year dental students during their externship program in San Jose.

Dr. Pendurkar earned an MPH (specializing in International Health Epidemiology) from Emory University, after which she worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. She is a member of Global Dental Ambassadors and has presented internationally on the importance of public health dentistry. Dr. Pendurkar has a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) Degree and is licensed to practice dentistry in the State of California.

Dr. Pendurkar received extensive training on leadership and policy development from the Harvard Kennedy School's Public Leadership Credential Program. In addition, she is an alumna of the American Dental Association's Institute for Diversity in Leadership where she received organizational and leadership training from the highly regarded Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, and Duke University Fuqua School of Business with courses in clinical and community application of concepts in leadership, diversity, inclusion, ethics, public health policy, oral health, chronic disease prevention and nutrition. She is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and American College of Dentists. Dr. Pendurkar serves on multiple committees and is Co-Chair the Oral Health Equity Workgroup for the CA State Partnership for Oral Health. She is part of the UCSF Champion Provider

Fellowship Program team and serves as an alumni mentor to current and past physician and dentist fellows

We are pleased to have Dr. Pendurkar onboard.