## **Oral Health and Aging:**

**Troubling news for Oregon's growing 65+ population** 

## **Oral Health Affects Overall Health**



**70%** of U.S. adults 65+ have gum disease. The severity increases with age.

of Oregonians 65+ on Medicaid with diabetes had **NO** dental visits last year.

## Of Oregon adults 65+:

1 in 3 had no dental visits in 2015.

have **NO** teeth, which makes it harder to eat healthy foods.

1 in 3 had at least 6 teeth removed due to cavities or gum disease.

## Of U.S. adults 65+:

**44%** of mouth and neck cancers are diagnosed among people aged 65+.

1 in 5 had untreated cavities, with higher rates among people of color.

\$72M is spent on non-accident related dental conditions seen in ERs.

From 2010 to 2015, the Oregon 65+ population grew faster than the entire Oregon population and the U.S. 65+ population.

Population Growth

of Oregon's older adults live in rural areas.

U.S. 65+

**Oregon Total** 

In 2015, Oregonians living in rural areas were the least likely to receive dental care.

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Oregon 65+

<sup>\*</sup>Gum disease includes inflammation, gingivitis, and periodontal disease.