



**Multnomah County Health Department  
Electronic Dental Records  
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- **MCHD Dental Services**

- Largest single provider of safety net dental services
- 5 dental clinics serving over 25,000 clients and 55,000 visits annually
- School and Community Oral Health program which provides oral health education, sealants, fluoride program and mobile dental van services



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- **Current paper based Dental Record System:**
  - Does not support medical-dental collaboration
  - Causes treatment delays
  - Not able to gather population based data or evaluate quality of care

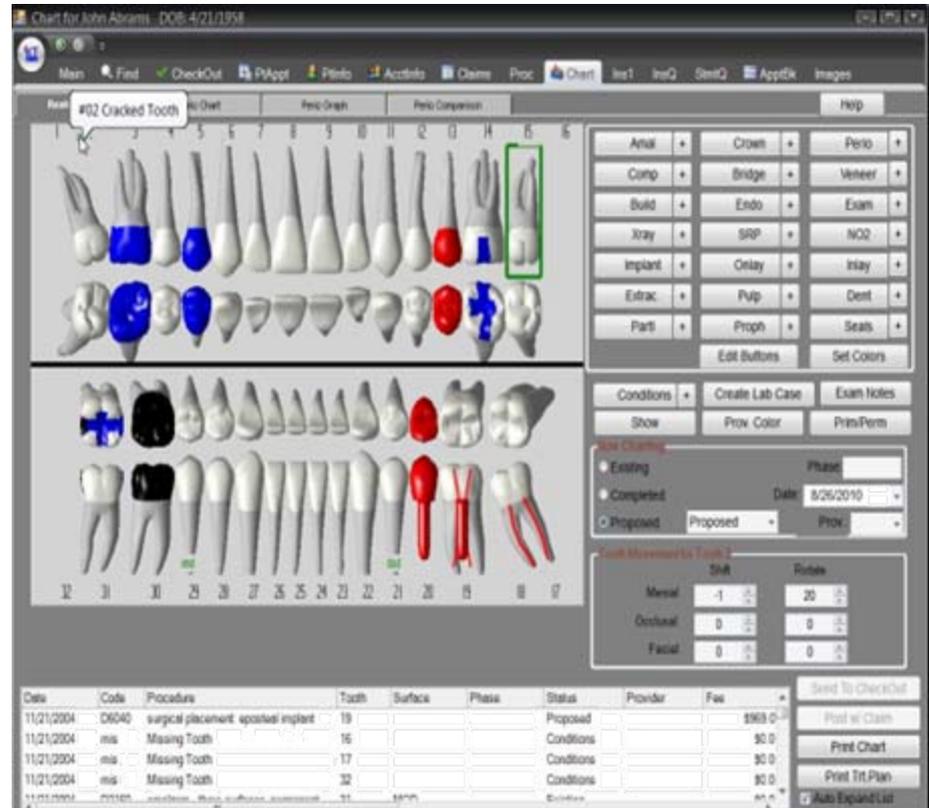


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- MCHD has been involved with long term planning and implementation of IT improvements for several years
- Access to clinical information via an electronic health record is an essential component of healthcare reform
- Federal incentives to adopt electronic health records are available as a OTO opportunity

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- Electronic Dental Record provides paperless documentation
- Incorporates digital imaging which eliminates x-ray film



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- **Supports Population Health**
  - Comprehensive oral healthcare is linked to improvement in overall health outcomes
  - An integrated health record (dental, medical) is essential for effective collaboration between healthcare team members
  - Increased ability with EDR to evaluate and report on individual and population based health outcomes

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- **Increased Access**
  - Enhanced ability to analyze demand for services and match resources
- **Sustainability**
  - Ability to eliminate use of heavy chemicals for x-ray processing
  - Reduction of paper consumption

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- **Alignment with County and State Goals**
  - Prioritize direct services
  - Modernize technology that supports services
  - Gov. Kitzhaber’s goal of high quality, paperless technology

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- **Funding Required—\$1.9 million**
- **Return on Investment:**
  - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) legislation stipulates that the government will grant funds to offset initial electronic health record (EHR) costs and to support clinical quality improvement.
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) EHR Meaningful Use incentive payments (\$63,750 per dentist) or approx \$1.2 million over six years

