

A wide-angle photograph of Niagara Falls, showing the water cascading over the rocky ledge. The water is a mix of white and blue, with mist rising from the base. The surrounding area is lush with green trees and vegetation. In the background, a building and some people can be seen on a hillside.

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# PROGRAM

Sep 25, 2025

8:00 - 8:10 AM

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. MARCELLE NASCIMENTO, AAC PRESIDENT

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## SECTION 1: There is no Health Without Oral Health

8:10 - 8:40 AM

Salivaomics in Caries and Systemic Disease Detection

DR. DAVID WONG, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

8:40 - 9:10 AM

Integrating Caries and Systemic Health Screening into Practice

Dr. JULIE FRANTSVE-HAWLEY, IMPACT HEALTH STRATEGIES

9:10 - 10:00 AM

SECTION DISCUSSION + COFFEE BREAK

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## SECTION 2: Expanding the Workforce

A Collaborative Approach to Comprehensive Oral Health

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Expanding the Role of Dental Hygienists  
as Therapists in Caries Prevention

PROF. MARTHA MCCOMAS, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Interprofessional Integration and  
Early Oral Health Interventions

DR. HUGH SILK, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

11:00 - 11:30 AM

Overcoming Barriers and Strengthening Collaborative Care

DR. SHENAM TICKU, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

11:30 - 12:00 PM

SECTION DISCUSSION

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12:00 - 1:30 PM

LUNCH BREAK + POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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## SECTION 3: Value-Based Care in Caries Management

The Role of Insurance in Supporting Preventive Services

1:30 - 2:00 PM

The Shift to Value-Based Care in Dentistry

DR. CHERAG SARKARI, LIBERTY DENTAL

2:00 - 2:30 PM

Health System Transformation via Public-Value Advocacy:

Advancing Preventive Dental Care

DR. JOHN POURNOOR, GOVERNMENT ANALYTICA

2:30 - 3:20 PM

SECTION DISCUSSION + COFFEE BREAK

3:20 - 3:50 PM

Data-Driven Advocacy for Expanding

Preventive Coverage

DR. ERIC TRANBY, CAREQUEST INSTITUTE

3:50 - 4:20 PM

Building the Future of Value-Based Care:

Practical Steps Forward

DR. ELEANOR FLEMING, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

4:20 - 5:00 PM

SECTION DISCUSSION

5:00 - 7:00 PM

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## SECTION 4: Artificial Intelligence in Caries Management

8:00 - 8:30 AM

Integrating AI in Clinical Workflow for Caries Risk Assessment,  
Diagnosis and Treatment

DR. JAY SURESHBHAI PATEL, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

8:30 - 9:00 AM

AI-Powered Caries Prevention Programs:  
Engaging Patients and Communities

DR. JIN XIAO, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

9:00 - 9:50 AM

SECTION DISCUSSION + COFFEE BREAK

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## SECTION 5: Fluoride and Oral Health - Science, Challenges, and Advocacy

9:50 - 10:20 AM

Evaluating Fluoride Safety and Efficacy  
DR. LIVIA TENUTA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

10:20 - 10:50 AM

The Impact of Fluoride Removal on Buffalo's Oral Health  
DR. ELLYCE CLONAN, UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

10:50 - 11:20 AM

Strategies to Combat Fluoride Hesitancy:  
Engaging Communities and Policymakers  
DR. SCOTT TOMAR, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

11:20 - 12:00 PM

SECTION DISCUSSION

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12:00 - 1:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK + BUSINESS MEETING

2:00 - 3:30 PM

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