

Nursing and Allied Health Symposium (16th January 2027)			
Time	Panel session 1: The Evolving Role of an Oral Health Therapist		
1000-1030	Timing Matters: Indications and Referral Pathways for Orthodontics		Dr Li Hanyi Registrar Department of Orthodontics, NDCS
1030-1100	Maintenance of Implants and Peri-implant diseases - Red-flag findings that require prompt referral to dentist/ periodontist - Non-surgical debridement approaches - Adjuncts, patient tailored interdental tools		Dr Sheena Lin Associate Consultant Department of Restorative Dentistry (Periodontology), NDCS
1100-1130	Managing the Challenging Patient		Mr R Rengamurthi Senior Assistant Manager Office of Patient Experience, Eastern General Hospital
1130-1200	Career Pathways as an Oral Health Therapist in Singapore		Dr Anshad Anasri Ministry of Health
1200-1315	Lunch + Trade Exhibition		
	Panel session 2: The Future of Allied Health in Oral Healthcare for Intermediate and Long-Term Care Patients in Singapore		
1315-1330	Introduction: Why ILTC Oral Health Matters? Burden of oral disease in frail seniors, linksto nutrition, aspiration, quality of life		Dr Aliya Binte Omar Senior Dental Surgeon Department of Restorative Dentistry (Special Care Dentistry), NDCS
1330-1400	Oral Health Challenges in ILTC Patients - Common problems in ILTC patients (oral frailty, xerostomia, root caries, reduced nutrition) - Non-surgical debridement approaches		Dr Gabriel Lee Senior Dental Surgeon National University Centre for Oral Health Singapore
1400- 1430	Oral Health in ILTC: Management and opportunities - Management strategies - Current national/ community initiatives: Train-the-trainers model, T-DOCs, NDCS mobile dental clinic		Dr Shenna Ho Associate Consultant and Head of Unit Department of Restorative Dentistry (Special Care Dentistry), NDCS
1430-1500	Oral Care Protocols to Prevent Ventilator - Associated Pneumonia in ICU		Ms Jane Wang Assistant Nurse Clinician Singapore General Hospital
1500-1530	Tea Break + Trade Exhibition		
	Workshops		
1530-1700	Workshop A Dr Yang Jingrong Ms Nadia Binte Ariffin Ms Nur Sabrina Izzati Binte Samsuri	Workshop B Mr R Rengamurthi	Workshop C Ms Sherylene Heah Gaik Suan Ms Chew Li Ling
	Practical Care for Frail and Dependent Patients	Keeping Calm Under Pressure: Practical Deescalation Skills for Healthcare Professionals	Communication, Behaviour and Caregiver Engagement
	Hands-on demonstration of toothbrushing and denture care for bedbound patients	Learn practical communication and deescalation skills to effectively manage challenging patient interactions while maintaining safety, empathy and professionalism	Communicating with patients who have dementia, stroke or mental health conditions with caregivers and families in ILTC
	Simple checklists for daily mouth care and when to escalate for dental review		Motivational interviewing for staff or caregivers to support daily care or adherence