

Vermont Dental Team Conducts Free Oral Health Care Clinic

On Saturday, April 9 2011, the Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association (VDHA), the Champlain Valley Dental Society (CVDS), and the Vermont Dental Assistants' Association (VDAA) sponsored a free dental clinic in conjunction with the Vermont Technical College (VTC) Department of Dental Hygiene. Over 50 members of the public were treated during the clinic which was held from 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M. at VTC and Vermont Dental Care. Services provided included oral health education, restorations, and extractions. The second annual free clinic was intended to provide needed restorative dental care to as many patients as possible, and to draw attention to the problems many Vermonters face in accessing oral health care.

During the course of the day 17 Vermont dentists, with assistance from numerous dental hygiene students, registered dental hygienists, dental assistants, Essex Technical Center dental assisting faculty and students, and faculty from the Vermont Technical College Department of Dental Hygiene, provided \$ 50,000 worth of services free of charge to eligible VTC Department of Dental Hygiene patients. Dental supplies were donated by Patterson Dental, 3M, VOCO, Sultan, Kimberly Clark, Dentsply and other dental supply companies. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made this day such a positive experience for the patients and for the dental community.