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Welcome, Esther!



Please join us in welcoming **Esther Wong Hershman** as our new development coordinator.

Esther has significant nonprofit experience and has worked with organizations such as the Red Cross. You can reach Esther at 804.269.8724 or ehershman@vaoralhealth.org.

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Transforming Care through Innovation Apr. 9-10, 2013

VHQC and VHIT have partnered to host "QualitySync II: Transforming Care through Innovation," April 9-10 in Richmond. The conference will discuss new ideas to improve healthcare delivery through innovation.

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VCU Establishes Integrated Health Center for Nursing, Dentistry

The Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Schools of Nursing, Medicine and Dentistry are collaborating through a shared clinic that will help identify and address chronic health conditions among patients who receive dental care at VCU.



Coalition program manager Katherine Libby (center) poses with VCU's Kim Isringhausen & Dr. Alan Dow at the center's ribbon cutting ceremony

VCU Neighborhood Partners Practice will use oral health visits as an "on-ramp" to identify and manage other major diseases, like heart disease and diabetes, and will provide patients with services such as chronic disease screenings, medication counseling and comprehensive physicals. This partnership is the first of its kind at an academic center in Virginia and is funded through a partnership with Virginia Premier Health Plan, Inc.

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Of Interest

Oral Health and Overall Health

[Oral health and overall health](#) are fundamentally intertwined. The following links present current information on how oral health is connected to overall health well-being.



- [Periodontal disease treatment and heart disease treatment costs \(press release\)](#)
- [Post menopausal smokers and tooth loss](#)

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Please check with your HR department to find out if your gift can be matched.

- [Tooth pain and sports performance](#)

VCU's Department of Pediatric Dentistry Receives National Award

On March 26, VCU School of Dentistry's Department of Pediatric Dentistry received the 2013 Affiliate of the Year award from National Children's Oral Health Foundation as part of their "America's ToothFairy" initiative. The award recognizes the school's commitment to eliminating pediatric dental disease.



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