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**DentaQuest Foundation Supports
Oral Health America's Medical-Dental Dialogues:
2009 Older Adults Symposium eBriefings Now Available Online**

February 1, 2010, Chicago, IL—The DentaQuest Foundation has generously provided a grant to Oral Health America in support of its Medical-Dental Dialogue series. The funds enable the dissemination of the proceedings from Oral Health America's (OHA) highly successful fall 2009 symposium, *Collaborative Health Care for Older Adults*, at the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS). The eBriefings from the symposium are now online at the NYAS web site, reaching a global audience. To access the multimedia presentations of speakers' slides and audio, the meeting summary, and links to related sources, [click here](#) or enter the following address into your web browser:
<http://www.nyas.org/Publications/Ebriefings/Default.aspx>.

“Both Oral Health America and the DentaQuest Foundation recognize that the good oral health of older Americans is reflected in their total health and quality of life,” said Ralph Fucillo, President, DentaQuest Foundation. “The DentaQuest Foundation is working with medical and community health partners to be sure there are multiple points of contact for individuals to get information and education about the links between poor oral health and systemic conditions. The DentaQuest Foundation and Oral Health America share the common goal of developing a professional model that encourages medical and dental professionals to work together in providing preventive oral health care to underserved populations.”

In an effort to improve communication and collaboration between disciplines, the conference explored areas where oral and systemic health overlap in the aging population, and considered how to create more effective partnerships between dentists and medical doctors to ensure better, more integrated geriatric health care.

The symposium was presented by Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, Oral Health America and NYAS, and sponsored by Aetna Dental, Colgate® DENTSPLY International, and Life Technologies™ Foundation.

Oral Health America is the nation's leading, independent non-profit organization dedicated to connecting communities with resources to increase access to care, education, and advocacy for all Americans, especially those most vulnerable. Find out more at www.oralhealthamerica.org.

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