

## Meet Our Team

**Hope Bussenius, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC** is a nurse practitioner and an assistant professor of Nursing at Emory. In 1997, Dr. Bussenius founded Health Connection, Inc., a nurse managed primary care clinic. Dr. Bussenius is also a researcher whose projects focuses improving healthcare through technology. She developed the OH I CAN dental app which includes a real-time data registry, that captures patient dental profiles, which will assist the program with providing efficient quality of care and patient service.

**Charles E. Moore, MD, FACS** is an otolaryngologist and a professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Emory. He currently practices at Grady Health System as Chief of Services of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery in Atlanta. Dr. Moore has received numerous awards for his commitment to community service. In 2004, he founded the HEALing Community Center, which provides preventive health education, comprehensive primary, specialty and dental care to underserved patients. In 2016, OH I CAN was founded to address the lack of access to oral health services in the underserved Atlanta communities where he served as a volunteer physician.

**David Reznik, DDS** is a dentist and an adjunct professor of infectious disease at Emory. He also serves as Chief of the Dental Service at Grady in Atlanta. In 1991, He founded Grady's Oral Health Center Infectious Disease Program which provides clinical care for people living with HIV disease. Dr. Reznik is the Director of the Georgia Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program in conjunction with NYU-Langone and the founder and President of the HIV Dental Alliance (HIVdent) a not-for-profit organization that facilitates oral health care for people living with HIV disease. Dr. Reznik's lifelong work has been committed to increase access to dental care for people living with HIV disease throughout the U.S.

## Service Locations

HEALing Community Center at MLK  
2600 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.  
Atlanta, GA 30311

HEALing Community Center at  
Neighborhood Union  
186 Sunset Ave, NW  
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HEALing Community Center at Hollis  
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225 Griffin St NW  
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# OH I CAN



## Oral Health In Communities and Neighborhoods

*(Emory Urban Health Initiative)*



## About Us

In 2016, Charles Moore, David Reznik and Hope Bussenius, founded Oral Health In Communities and Neighborhoods (OH I CAN). OH I CAN is a dental healthcare neighborhood program that seeks to create a community-wide comprehensive oral health network that integrates dental and primary care in low resource neighborhoods. The program's purpose is to increase access to oral health care and education in Atlanta and surrounding counties.

The OH I CAN program is a part of the Emory University Urban Health Initiative (UHI) that addresses the vast oral health disparities that exist for low income and minority families.

Oral health plays an important role in overall health. OH I CAN plans to increase the number of healthcare professionals in low income areas that can provide preventive care and appropriate referrals as improve community knowledge by providing oral health education to children, adults and families.



## Services

Dental services for children and adults include:

**Restorative:** fillings, crowns

**Preventive:** exams, cleanings, x-rays, fluoride application, sealants, space maintainers

**Endodontic:** pulpotomies

**Periodontal:** deep cleanings

**Oral surgery:** extractions

**Emergency treatment** for pain, swelling, broken tooth, etc.

**Oral Cancer Screenings:** Mouth and neck exams

### Who is eligible?

Children and adults regardless of the ability to pay or regardless of income. Fees are based on a sliding scale. Most private and public insurance is accepted.

#### *Did you know...*

**Tooth decay** (a cavity) is caused by the breakdown of a tooth's enamel. Tooth decay is the most common chronic condition among children in the United States.

**Fluoride** is a natural mineral found in rocks soil, and water. Fluoride makes the outer surface of your teeth more resistant to bacteria that causes tooth decay.

**Periodontal disease** (gum disease) is a bacterial infection often characterized by red, swollen gums that may bleed easily. It is the major cause of tooth loss in adults.

**Oral cancer** is cancer of the mouth or throat. Smokers and heavy drinkers have a high risk of developing oral cancer.

**Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** is a sexually transmitted infection (STI). HPV is the leading cause of cancer in the base of the tongue and throat (oropharyngeal) in individuals infected with oral HPV. HPV related oral cancers can be prevented by getting a vaccination.

## How Can I Prevent Tooth Decay & Oral Diseases?

**Good Oral Hygiene.** Children and adults should develop a habit of brushing with a fluoride toothpaste twice a day for two minutes. Flossing should occur at least once a day. Brushing and flossing removes bacteria and leftover food particles that can create cavities.

**Regular dental checkups.** Schedule dental visits every 6-months for regular cleanings and examinations. Regular checkups can help with the early detection of cavities, periodontal (gum) disease, oral cancer and other dental issues.

**Protective sealants.** Sealants are another way to avoid cavities among children. Dental sealants are thin coatings that when applied on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth (molars) can prevent cavities.

**Drinking fluoridated water.** Most water systems (tap water) add fluoride that helps keep teeth strong and reduces tooth decay. Drinking water containing fluoride, which is often not added to bottled water, can lead to good dental health.

**Healthy diet.** Diet is important in preventing cavities. Maintain a well-balanced diet and avoid snacks, foods and beverages high in sugar including artificial sweeteners.