

2 MINUTES WITH YOUR PATIENT



Marylanders are more likely to visit their dentist than see a doctor for a routine check up.

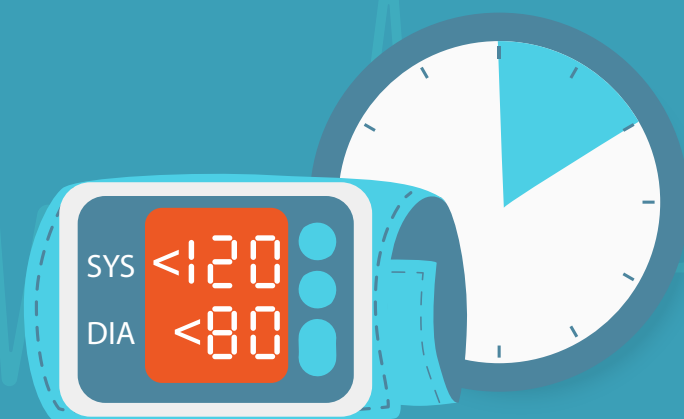


48.8%

of Maryland adults who saw their dentist in the past year reported not having seen a doctor for a check up in the last five years.

Oral health professionals can play an important role by screening for hypertension.

CAN SAVE THEIR LIFE



With so many more people seeing their dentist than their doctor, you and your staff have a unique opportunity to play an important role in identifying undiagnosed hypertension.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), hypertension is a symptomless "silent killer." Hypertension is a major risk factor for heart disease, the leading cause of

death in Maryland. It only takes a few minutes to check your patient's blood pressure to determine if they are at risk for hypertension.

If they are at risk, refer them to a primary care physician or community resource for follow-up screenings and diagnosis.

Every visit. Every time.

SCREEN YOUR PATIENTS FOR HYPERTENSION

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