

Dentulu and Guide GLP Announce Strategic Partnership to Expand Integrated Medical-Dental Care Nationwide

Collaboration expands physician-supported services across Dentulu's consumer-initiated platform, sleep apnea program and Dentulu Pro dental network.

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, August 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Dentulu Health](https://www.dentulu.com/), a national digital healthcare platform and pioneer in teledentistry and medical-dental integration, today announced a strategic partnership with Guide GLP to expand access to physician-supported metabolic health, sleep health and preventive healthcare services across Dentulu's nationwide consumer-initiated platform and Dentulu Pro network of participating dental practices.

The collaboration brings together Dentulu's nationwide digital healthcare ecosystem, consumer engagement capabilities, technology infrastructure, sleep medicine platform and growing Dentulu Pro dental network with Guide GLP's clinical infrastructure, licensed provider network, care coordination capabilities and healthcare operations.

Together, the organizations intend to create a scalable model that connects consumers and dental patients with physician-supported healthcare while strengthening collaboration between medical and dental professionals.

The partnership represents another important milestone in Dentulu's evolution from one of the nation's early comprehensive teledentistry platforms into a broader integrated healthcare ecosystem connecting dentistry, medicine, sleep health, diagnostics, metabolic health, preventive healthcare and wellness through a unified technology-enabled experience.

"One of the most important things we look for in a strategic partner is whether they can help us expand access without sacrificing quality, patient experience or clinical integrity," said Dr. Arash Hakhamian, Founder and CEO of Dentulu. "Guide GLP has built an impressive medical



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- Consumer-Initiated Healthcare
- Dental Office Partnerships
- Sleep Apnea Care
- Metabolic Health Support
- Physician-Supported Care

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infrastructure, and together we have an opportunity to connect consumers and dental practices with physician-supported care in a way that is scalable, coordinated and highly complementary to Dentulu's broader healthcare vision."

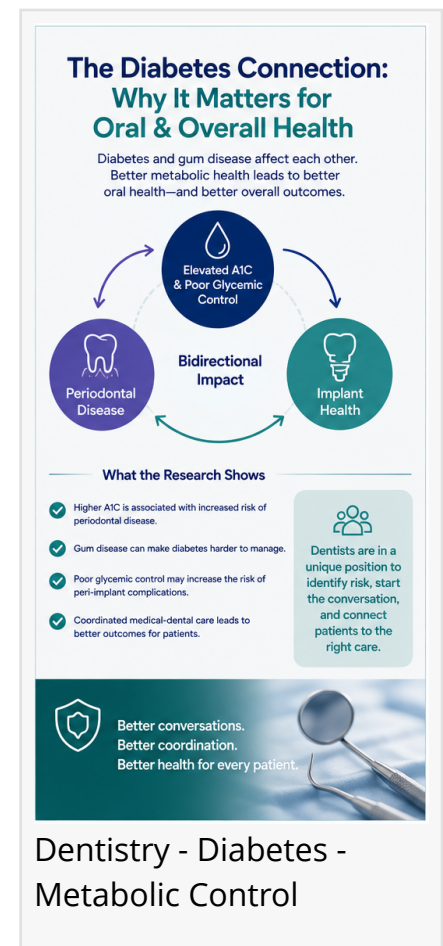
The initiative will be available through two complementary channels: Dentulu's consumer-initiated healthcare platform and participating dental practices within the Dentulu Pro network.

Strengthening Dentulu's Nationwide [Sleep Apnea](#) Program:

A central component of the collaboration is the continued expansion of Dentulu's nationwide sleep medicine platform.

Dentulu has developed a hybrid sleep apnea ecosystem that connects consumers, dentists, physicians, diagnostic resources and treatment providers throughout the patient journey.

Through Dentulu's consumer-initiated model, individuals can begin the process from home with sleep apnea screening and, where appropriate, home sleep testing. Patients can then be connected with licensed physicians for medical evaluation and diagnosis and, when oral appliance therapy is appropriate, with Dentulu's nationwide dental network for treatment and ongoing coordination.



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Dentulu Pro extends that same infrastructure to local dental practices.

Participating dental offices can identify patients who may be at risk for obstructive sleep apnea and connect them into Dentulu's broader sleep medicine ecosystem without independently building the [medical network](#), diagnostic and telehealth infrastructure required to deliver comprehensive sleep care.

The addition of physician-supported metabolic health services adds another important dimension to that continuum.

Obstructive sleep apnea frequently intersects with broader cardiometabolic health. In clinical research involving adults with obesity and moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnea, interventions addressing metabolic disease and excess body weight have demonstrated

meaningful improvements in sleep apnea severity and cardiometabolic measures, reinforcing the importance of addressing underlying risk factors in addition to treating sleep-disordered breathing itself.

Dentulu's model is therefore designed to look beyond an isolated diagnosis and help connect appropriate patients with broader physician-supported care.

"Sleep apnea is a perfect example of why healthcare cannot remain fragmented," said Dr. Hakhamian. "A patient may be dealing with sleep-disordered breathing, hypertension, diabetes, metabolic dysfunction, inflammation and oral disease at the same time. Treating only one piece of that picture misses an enormous opportunity. Dentulu is building the infrastructure that allows the dentist, physician and patient to participate in a more coordinated care journey."

Expanding the Conversation From Sleep Health to Metabolic Health:

The Dentulu-Guide GLP partnership will also expand access to physician-supported metabolic health services through Dentulu's integrated platform.

Participating patients may be connected with licensed healthcare professionals for medical evaluation, individualized care planning, clinical monitoring, lifestyle and nutritional support, and additional medically appropriate interventions based upon the independent judgment of the treating medical provider.

The objective is broader than any single treatment modality. Dentulu's long-term strategy is to help consumers better understand and manage interconnected health risks involving sleep,



Dentulu Nationwide Sleep Apnea Whole health Program

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Integrated Health

Dentulu Integrated Health: Medical - Dental Integration

metabolism, cardiovascular health, diabetes and oral health while providing convenient access to appropriately licensed professionals.

“This partnership represents an exciting opportunity to bring physician-supervised medical services to an entirely new care setting through Dentulu to benefit the Dental industry and its patients,” said Gibb Clark, Chief Executive Officer of Guide GLP. “By combining Dentulu’s innovative technology platform and nationwide dental network with our clinical infrastructure and healthcare resources, we can expand access, improve coordination and create new opportunities for dental practices to support the overall health and well-being of their patients.”

Diabetes, A1C and the Medical-Dental Connection:

Few conditions illustrate the importance of medical-dental integration more clearly than diabetes.

Diabetes and periodontal disease are closely associated, and the relationship can work in both directions. People with diabetes are at increased risk for gum disease, particularly when blood glucose is poorly controlled, while significant periodontal inflammation may also make diabetes more difficult to manage. CDC guidance further notes an association between increasing hemoglobin A1C and greater odds of periodontitis.

That relationship has important implications for the dental office.

Dentists routinely evaluate periodontal inflammation, bleeding, bone loss, healing, infection risk and other clinical findings that may provide valuable context regarding a patient’s overall health. In a more integrated healthcare model, those observations can become an opportunity to encourage appropriate medical evaluation rather than remaining isolated within the dental chart.

Dentulu believes measures such as hemoglobin A1C can become increasingly relevant to coordinated medical-dental decision-making when obtained and interpreted through appropriate medical channels.

A patient undergoing periodontal treatment, implant therapy or other invasive dental procedures may also be managing diabetes or previously unrecognized glycemic risk. Greater visibility into the patient’s metabolic health can give both physicians and dentists additional information for care planning, patient education and long-term monitoring.

“Diabetes is one of the clearest examples of why the historical separation between medicine and dentistry makes very little sense,” said Dr. Hakhamian. “A dentist may be treating advanced periodontal disease or planning implant therapy while that same patient has elevated A1C or poorly controlled diabetes. Those are not separate conversations. We should be creating systems that allow the appropriate medical and dental professionals to see the larger picture

and communicate with one another.”

Periodontal Health and Glycemic Control:

The oral-systemic implications extend beyond simply identifying diabetes. Periodontal disease is a chronic inflammatory condition, and patients with diabetes can experience more severe periodontal disease and slower healing. CDC notes that gum disease can be more severe and take longer to heal in people with diabetes and that diabetes may be harder to manage in the presence of gum disease.

For Dentulu, this creates an opportunity to make the dental office a more meaningful participant in preventive healthcare. A patient presenting with persistent periodontal inflammation, recurrent disease or other risk indicators may benefit from closer medical evaluation, just as a patient with known diabetes may benefit from more deliberate periodontal monitoring and preventive dental care.

The goal is not for dentists to diagnose or manage diabetes. Rather, Dentulu’s integrated model is designed to make it easier for dental professionals to recognize potential concerns, educate patients, connect them with licensed medical professionals and incorporate relevant health information into appropriate dental treatment planning.

Implant Health and Metabolic Risk:

Metabolic health may also be relevant to implant dentistry. The scientific literature continues to evolve, and diabetes alone does not mean a patient cannot successfully receive dental implants. However, evidence suggests that poor glycemic control is associated with greater risk of peri-implant complications, while implant outcomes in patients with well-controlled diabetes can be considerably more favorable.

This distinction is important. Rather than treating a diabetes diagnosis as an automatic barrier to implant therapy, an integrated care model can encourage better communication regarding glycemic control, healing risk, periodontal status, maintenance and other patient-specific factors.

“Implant dentistry is another area where having a more complete picture of the patient matters,” said Dr. Hakhamian. “A patient’s periodontal condition, systemic health, glycemic control, smoking history, hygiene and many other factors can affect how we think about risk. The more responsibly we can connect those dots, the better informed both the patient and the treating providers can be.”

Expanding Access Through Consumer-Initiated Healthcare: The partnership will support Dentulu’s broader consumer-initiated healthcare model, which allows individuals to begin care digitally rather than requiring every healthcare journey to originate inside a traditional

physician's office.

Consumers throughout the United States will be able to initiate access to physician-supported services through the Dentulu Health platform and, based upon their individual circumstances, be connected with appropriate licensed healthcare professionals. Services may include virtual medical consultations, individualized health assessments, ongoing clinical monitoring, care coordination, metabolic health support, sleep health services and other appropriate healthcare resources.

All diagnosis, prescribing and medical treatment decisions remain under the independent professional judgment of the licensed healthcare professionals responsible for the patient's medical care. Dentulu's technology serves as the connective layer, helping organize a patient experience that may span medicine, dentistry, sleep health, diagnostics and preventive care.

Empowering Local Dental Practices Through Dentulu Pro:

One of the most significant elements of the partnership is the expansion of capabilities available through www.DentuluPro.com, Dentulu's growing nationwide network of independent dental practices. Dental offices represent a powerful but historically underutilized access point into broader healthcare.

Dentists routinely interact with patients who may have risk factors involving sleep-disordered breathing, diabetes, metabolic dysfunction, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, periodontal inflammation and other systemic conditions. Yet most independent dental practices do not have the medical infrastructure necessary to connect those observations with physician-supported services in a coordinated way.

Dentulu Pro is designed to provide that bridge. Participating practices can introduce appropriate patients to Dentulu's physician-supported healthcare ecosystem without independently developing a medical practice, hiring physicians, building telehealth infrastructure or creating complex new clinical and operational systems.

Depending upon the services utilized, Dentulu Pro practices may gain access to resources that include:

- * Physician Medical Director oversight
- * A nationwide network of licensed medical professionals
- * Virtual medical evaluations
- * Sleep apnea screening and home sleep testing pathways
- * Physician-supported sleep evaluation and diagnosis
- * Metabolic health services
- * Clinical monitoring and follow-up
- * Care coordination

- * Technology and patient-management workflows
- * Integrated healthcare resources
- * Regulatory and operational infrastructure
- * Connections to Dentulu's broader oral-systemic healthcare ecosystem

The model preserves clear clinical boundaries.

Dentists continue practicing dentistry. Physicians remain responsible for medical diagnosis, treatment and medical decision-making. Dentulu provides the technology, infrastructure and coordination that help those professionals work together more effectively.

"We're not asking dentists to become physicians," Dr. Hakhamian said. "We're giving dental practices access to physicians, a Medical Director, technology, care coordination and medical infrastructure so they can better serve their patients without taking on the burden of creating a medical practice themselves." "The dentist continues doing what the dentist does best. The physician continues doing what the physician does best. Dentulu helps connect the two."

Turning the Dental Visit Into a Preventive Healthcare Opportunity

Dentulu's broader strategy is based upon a simple observation: dental professionals frequently see patients who may not otherwise be actively engaged with the healthcare system. That makes the dental encounter an important opportunity to identify risk, educate patients and create appropriate pathways into medical care. A patient may present to a dental office for periodontal treatment and discover an opportunity to discuss diabetes risk. Another may present with signs associated with sleep-disordered breathing and be connected with a home sleep test and physician evaluation. An implant patient may benefit from better understanding the relationship between glycemic control, healing and long-term oral health. A patient who enters Dentulu through a consumer-initiated sleep or metabolic health pathway may in turn be connected with a local dentist when oral healthcare becomes part of the treatment journey. This is the type of bidirectional healthcare ecosystem Dentulu believes can help break down the traditional walls separating medicine and dentistry.

"Our philosophy is simple: patients don't experience their bodies as separate specialties," said Dr. Hakhamian. "The mouth, airway, sleep, metabolism, cardiovascular system and immune response are all part of the same person. We need healthcare systems that recognize those connections while still respecting the expertise and scope of each individual provider."

A Partnership Designed for Scale:

The Dentulu-Guide GLP collaboration brings together two organizations with complementary capabilities. Guide GLP contributes clinical infrastructure, access to independent licensed healthcare professionals, care coordination resources and experience supporting physician-led virtual healthcare programs.

Dentulu contributes its nationwide digital healthcare platform, consumer-initiated care model, teledentistry expertise, sleep medicine infrastructure, medical-dental integration strategy and growing Dentulu Pro network of dental professionals. Together, the organizations intend to develop a scalable infrastructure supporting both consumers seeking convenient access to physician-supported care and dental practices seeking additional healthcare resources for their patients.

“We see tremendous alignment between our organizations,” said Dr. Hakhamian. “Guide GLP brings sophisticated medical infrastructure and operational capabilities. Dentulu brings a technology platform, a unique dental ecosystem, nationwide sleep infrastructure and a growing network of providers. The opportunity is to combine those capabilities and create something larger than any single program.”

The companies anticipate continued collaboration as additional opportunities emerge across metabolic health, sleep medicine, preventive healthcare, diagnostics and other areas where stronger communication between medicine and dentistry can improve the patient experience.

Building a Broader Integrated Healthcare Ecosystem:

The partnership joins Dentulu’s growing portfolio of connected healthcare capabilities, including:

- * Telehealth
- * Teledentistry
- * Nationwide sleep medicine
- * Home sleep testing
- * Physician-supported sleep evaluation
- * Oral appliance therapy
- * Salivary diagnostics
- * Oral-systemic health programs
- * Metabolic health services
- * Remote patient monitoring
- * Preventive healthcare
- * Diagnostics
- * Artificial intelligence-powered clinical technologies
- * Care coordination and connected-health solutions

Together, these services support Dentulu’s broader strategy of creating a technology-enabled healthcare platform in which consumers can initiate care conveniently and independent healthcare professionals can collaborate more effectively across traditional boundaries.

As Dentulu Health continues expanding its integrated healthcare ecosystem, the company

remains focused on creating a future in which consumers have easier access to care, dental professionals have better access to medical resources for their patients, and physicians and dentists have stronger tools for working together.

The Dentulu–Guide GLP partnership represents another important step toward that future.

About Dentulu Health

Dentulu Health is a nationally recognized digital healthcare platform transforming access to oral and systemic healthcare through telehealth, teledentistry, artificial intelligence, connected care and innovative provider solutions.

Founded as one of the first comprehensive teledentistry platforms in the United States, Dentulu has evolved into an integrated healthcare ecosystem connecting consumers with dental, medical, diagnostic, sleep medicine, metabolic health, preventive health and wellness resources through a unified technology platform.

Through its consumer-initiated healthcare platform and nationwide Dentulu Pro provider network, Dentulu empowers healthcare professionals with advanced clinical technologies, coordinated-care resources and innovative services designed to improve access, strengthen collaboration and create stronger connections between oral and systemic healthcare.

To learn more, visit <https://www.dentulu.com> and <https://www.dentulupro.com>

About Guide GLP

Guide GLP provides clinical infrastructure, care coordination resources, healthcare operations and access to independent licensed healthcare professionals supporting physician-led virtual healthcare programs.

Through its clinical and operational capabilities, Guide GLP helps organizations expand access to coordinated healthcare while supporting patient safety, clinical quality, regulatory compliance and independent medical decision-making.

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