



MARYLAND
Department of Health



**16th Annual Ava Roberts
Oral Health Symposium
Friday, October 3, 2025
8:00 am – 3:15 pm ~ Ten Oaks Ballroom
Clarksville, Maryland**

AGENDA

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration/Breakfast (provided)
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Welcome and Presentation of Dr. Gregory B. McClure Oral Health Hero Award Debony Hughes, DDS Director, Office of Oral Health Maryland Department of Health
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Opioids and Addiction: How Did We Get Here and Where Are We Now? A Guide to Managing Pain Responsibly Sharon Parsons, DDS Dental Associates Columbus, Ohio
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Pathology, Oral Cancer: What You Need to Know Andre' Farquharson, DDS Associate Professor, Oral Diagnosis & Radiology Howard University College of Dentistry Washington, DC
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch (provided)
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Mid-Atlantic Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness Marlene Roberts, RDH, DrPH, BSDH
3:00 pm	Closing Announcements Mary Backley Chief Executive Officer Maryland Dental Action Coalition