



# Effective Health Care

## Comparison of Dental Health Treatment Options Nomination Summary Document

### Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- The topic, *Comparison of Dental Health Treatment Options*, did not include enough information for further assessment by the Effective Health Care Program. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.

### Topic Description

**Nominator(s):** *Individual*

**Nomination  
Summary:**

The nominator indicates that it is difficult to find credible answers about the options for expensive dental procedures, including procedures dentists push patients to consider that are not covered by insurance. The nominator is seeking information about dental health and options such as implants, crowns, teeth removal, and dentures. This type of information can help people make decisions about their dental care.

### Considerations

- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs), sponsors the development of systematic reviews to assist public- and private-sector organizations in their efforts to improve the quality of health care in the United States. These reviews provide comprehensive, science-based information on common, costly medical conditions, and new health care technologies and strategies. Systematic reviews are the building blocks underlying evidence-based practice; they focus attention on the strength and limits of evidence from research studies about the effectiveness and safety of a clinical intervention.
- This topic could not be further evaluated because it did not include enough information in the original nomination to define the relevant populations, interventions, comparators, and/or outcomes of interest. No further program activity will be undertaken on this nomination.