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## **Dr. Barbara Covey honored for work at Waterville's Community Dental Center**



The Maine Dental Access Coalition (MDAC) has named MaineGeneral Medical Center emergency medicine physician Barbara Covey, MD, as one of its Oral Health Heroes who have worked diligently to improve oral health care.

Covey has worked tirelessly to keep the Community Dental Center in Waterville open in difficult economic times. The center is one of the few dental resources for low-income residents of Kennebec and Somerset counties.

Covey started the Waterville clinic in 1999 in response to a community need that has only increased in the last decade. She is president of the center's board of directors and, until recently, served as its volunteer interim director.

As an emergency department physician at MGMC's Thayer Campus, she experiences firsthand the depth of oral health needs of low-income Mainers.

"The Waterville Community Dental Center is crucial to providing basic oral health care in our community and reducing the current burden, both personal and economic, of dental disease," she said. "It simply is the right thing to do and I'm proud to be a part of it."



Barbara Covey, MD, shown at right, with Nicole Breton, RDH. Breton serves on the board of the Waterville Community Dental Center and nominated Covey to be an Oral Health Hero.