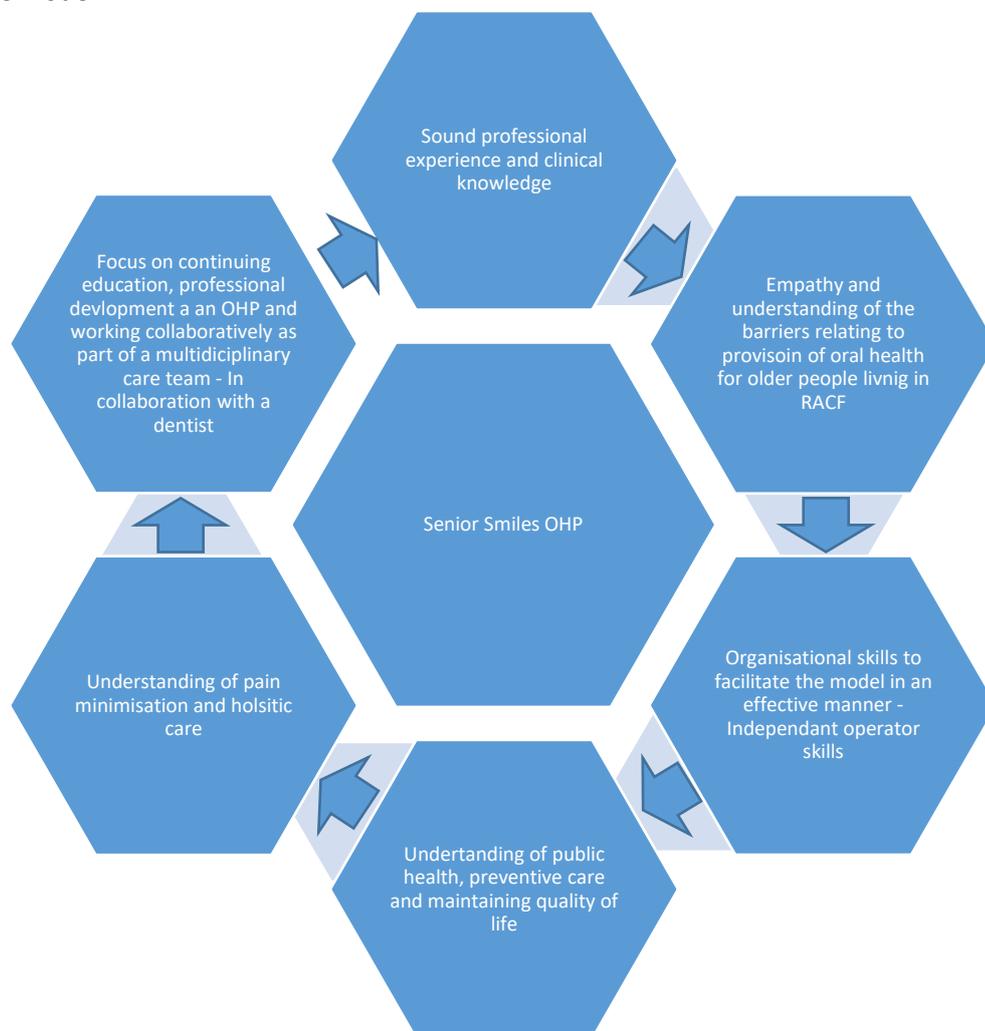


Values, characteristics and focus of the Senior Smiles Oral Health Practitioner:

In addition to the professional and legal requirements for this role, there are many values and attributes that are desirable and will assist in implementing this program effectively.

It is important to implement care by maintaining a preventive focus. By establishing the role of the oral health practitioner onsite within an RACF, resident's oral health issues will be assessed and appropriate management can be implemented in the form of care plans for the nursing and care staff. It is important to understand that the ideal picture of health is balanced and to achieve holistic care of a resident, a multidisciplinary team approach to care is vital to achieving an effective person centred care model.



An example day in the life of a Senior Smiles OHP:



Hierarchy of functions within the role of Senior Smiles oral health practitioner:

