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<b>Presentation Title:</b>	<b>HOLISTIC CARIES MANAGEMENT: DENTISTS CANNOT MANAGE DECAY ALONE!</b>
<b>ABSTRACT</b>	<p>Tooth decay, despite the availability of fluoride, fluoride containing toothpastes and dental sealants continues to be a significant individual and public health problem. Managing tooth decay requires participation by everyone, teachers, parents children and DENTISTS! In the Philippines, 9 out of 10 Filipinos suffer from this common but easily preventable disease. It is unfortunate that children are adversely affected by poor oral health. This symposium will describe the roles played by dental professionals, public health officials, school officials and parents in managing the tooth decay crisis on the island of Grenada as presented in a 2010-2013 school based decay-prevention study. It will also discuss the results of a caries intervention program recently completed in 5 elementary schools in Pasay City, Philippines, and how this program can be expanded nationwide. Significant decrease in tooth decay can be achieved with everyone working together.</p>