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Dr. Shakalpi Pendurkar is the State Dental Director of California and oversees the Office of Oral Health at California Department of Public Health. Prior to joining CDPH Dr. Pendurkar was the Dental Health Administrator in the Office of Dental Health at Alameda County Public Health Department. For over two decades she has been Lead Supervising Dentist at Gardner Health Services, a Federally Qualified Health Center in the Bay Area providing services to priority vulnerable populations. Dr. Pendurkar was Dental Director of Health Plan of San Mateo and Director of Oral Public Health Programs at the San Mateo County Public Health Department. Before moving to California, she was an Epidemiology Consultant for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Dr. Pendurkar is a member of the California Dental Association, American Dental Association, American Public Health Association, and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. She is a Fellow of the American and International College of Dentists. Dr. Pendurkar earned a Master of Public Health degree from Emory University and a Master of Dental Surgery degree in Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree in Dentistry from Nair Hospital, Bombay University. Dr. Pendurkar and CDPH Office of Oral Health are committed to promoting oral health equity for all Californians.

Shumaila Hashmi, MBBS, MPH

Epidemiology and Surveillance Lead, Surveillance & Evaluation Unit, Office of Oral Health

Shumaila Hashmi serves as a research scientist in the CDPH, Office of Oral Health, Surveillance and Evaluation Unit, supporting surveillance activities and monitoring oral health outcomes across California. Her work focuses on assessing the oral disease burden and contributing to data-driven decision making for improved population-level oral health measures. She is passionate about promoting equitable access to oral health care for all communities in California.

Shumaila is an International Medical Graduate with residency training and clinical experience in Obstetrics and Gynecology in her country of origin prior to transitioning to public health work in the United States. She pursued Master of Public Health in Oregon and later completed California Epidemiologic Investigation Service (Cal-EIS) fellowship program at CDPH to strengthen applied epidemiologic competencies.

Margaret Trimble, RDH, MPH

Oral Health Epidemiologist, Surveillance & Evaluation Unit, Office of Oral Health

After graduating from UCSF with her degree in Dental Hygiene, Margaret spent 20 years working as a clinical dental hygienist for a private practice in San Francisco. In 2023, she earned her MPH from UC Berkeley, where she worked on research related to maternal child oral health and nutrition. Margaret recently completed a year-

long fellowship with the Office of Oral Health as part of the California Epidemiologic Investigation Service. Now, as a fully-fledged oral health epidemiologist with the Office of Oral Health, she enjoys the challenge of using data to shed light on oral health inequities and to improve oral health for all Californians.