



INTEGRATING ORAL HEALTH INTO PRIMARY CARE

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Children's Oral Health Care

Prevalence of Caries

- 59% of children aged 5 to 17
- 5 times more common than asthma

Consequences

- Malnutrition
- Speech dysfunction
- FTT
- 51 million school hrs missed/year
- 49,258 visits by children to ED in 2009 for preventable dental problems
- Fatal infections

National Center for Health Statistics. NCHS Data Brief: Oral Health Disparities as Determined by Selected Healthy People 2020 Oral Health Objectives for the United States, 2009– 2010. Number 104, August 2012 <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db104.htm> Accessed Dec 11, 2012.

Children's Oral Health Care-Access

- 4 million US children have never seen a dentist
- less than 50% of 2-6 year olds have seen a dentist once in any given year
- Poor children have more than 12 x more restricted activity days due to dental related illness than higher income families
- 18.2% of 0-3 yr olds in VA with Medicaid have received any dental service in 2012

Primary Care Provider Role

- ❖ **Caries Risk Assessment**
- ❖ **Anticipatory Guidance**
- ❖ **Fluoride Varnish**
- ❖ **Dental Home Referral**

Resources

- <http://brightfutures.aap.org/pdfs/RiskAssessmentTool.pdf>
- PACT :
www2.aap.org/commpeds/doch/oralhealth/pact/pact-home.cfm
- Smiles for life-<http://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org>
- Dec 2012
<http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/clinical/oralhealth/primarycare/oralhealthprimarycare.pdf>
- In-office training with Susan Pharr, RDH @VDH Bright Smiles for Babies