



Oral Health

The oral health of our children is vitally important yet often overlooked. Dental caries in children is *five* times more common than asthma yet it is a preventable disease. Health care providers can play a crucial role in ensuring that infants and their parents adopt healthy oral habits.

The **Oral Health** module is provided through the Educating Practices in Communities (EPIC) program. A trainer (physician, dentist, or hygienist) will visit your practice at a time convenient for you and provide a brief presentation to you and your entire staff on oral health in children including the etiology of caries, prevention, screening, and the application of fluoride varnish, all of which are reimbursable services.

Presentation Objectives

- Recognize dental decay and its sequelae
- Understand the etiology of dental decay
- Be able to screen children for dental decay and bill for this service
- Be able to educate parents about how to prevent dental decay
- Understand when and how to use fluoride varnish to prevent dental decay and bill for this service
- Know when to refer children to the dentist

EPIC provides:

- > Oral Health resources including a comprehensive list of dentists in your community to whom you may refer
- > Certification to bill for dental exams and fluoride varnish application
- > CME credits
- > Lunch or snack



The Oral Health module was developed by Pediatric and Dental faculty at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine specifically for use in community practice as part of the EPIC initiative.



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