

Transforming Oral Health for Families

Selection of Oral Health Training Modules for Medical Providers

Sustainability of oral health integration requires the implementation of processes and protocols to onboard and train new staff and providers. The following online curriculum options are recommended to enhance provider knowledge related to tooth decay, oral health risk assessment, oral health anticipatory guidance, and fluoride varnish application. As part of the TOHF project, HealthEfficient's team will advise Partnering Health Centers on utilization of a Learning Management Platform to monitor and track provider training in the subject area of preventive oral health services.

Open Wide: Oral Health Training for Health Professionals

A series of modules designed to help health professionals working in community settings promote oral health for infants, children and their families.

- Module 1: **Tooth Decay** (~20 minutes)
 - Reviews the biological causes of tooth decay and its physical and psychological effects on infants and children.
 - https://www.mchoralhealth.org/OpenWide/mod1_0.htm
- Module 2: **Risk Factors for Tooth Decay** (~20 minutes)
 - Explores the risk factors associated with tooth decay in infancy and early childhood.
 - https://www.mchoralhealth.org/OpenWide/mod2_0.htm
- Module 3: **Prevention of Tooth Decay** (~35 minutes)
 - Discusses health behaviors and prevention measures to reduce the risk, severity, and impact of tooth decay in infancy and early childhood.
 - https://www.mchoralhealth.org/OpenWide/mod3_0.htm
- Module 4: **What to Do and How to Do It** (~40 minutes)
 - Provides steps for promoting oral health in community settings, including oral health risk assessment and anticipatory guidance.
 - https://www.mchoralhealth.org/OpenWide/mod4_0.htm

Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum

A curriculum consisting of multiple modules covering core areas of oral health relevant to primary care health professionals. (**1 CME credit per module** for Physicians, Medical Assistants, Nurses, Pharmacists, Physician Assistants, and Dentists)

- **Child Oral Health** (~60 minutes)
 - Addresses the prevalence, etiology, and consequences of early childhood caries.
 - <https://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org/courses/child-oral-health/>
- **Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish, and Counseling** (~60 minutes)
 - Focuses on caries prevention, including risk assessment, fluoride application, and oral health anticipatory guidance.
 - <https://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org/courses/caries-risk-assessment-fluoride-varnish-and-counseling/>

Maryland's Mouths Matter: Maryland Required Training

This series of four modules is designed to provide Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) medical providers and other health providers with knowledge needed to reduce the incidence of dental caries among children ages 5 and under and to contribute to the establishment of a dental home.

- Module 1: **The Role of Medical Providers** (~10 minutes)
 - Discusses the important role that medical providers and staff can play in children's oral health.
 - https://www.mchoralhealth.org/flvarnish/mod1_0.html
- Module 2: **Dental Caries Process** (~15 minutes)
 - Defines dental caries and early childhood caries and discusses factors that influence the development of tooth decay.
 - https://www.mchoralhealth.org/flvarnish/mod2_0.html
- Module 3: **Caries Risk Assessment** (~25 minutes)
 - Addresses the question of why certain children are at higher risk than others for dental caries.
 - https://www.mchoralhealth.org/flvarnish/mod3_0.html
- Module 4: **Anticipatory Guidance, Fluoride Varnish, and Referral** (~20 minutes)
 - Explains the purpose of anticipatory guidance, the steps for fluoride varnish application, and referral to a dentist for a dental home.
 - https://www.mchoralhealth.org/flvarnish/mod4_0.html
- Post Test and Registration for Licensed Providers
 - <https://www.mchoralhealth.org/flvarnish/index.html>

HealthCheck Fluoride Varnish Training: District of Columbia Required Training

The application of fluoride varnish for children under 3 by a trained DC HealthCheck primary care provider is a reimbursable dental/oral health procedure. In order to receive Medicaid reimbursement, primary care providers must complete the fluoride varnish training offered through DC HealthCheck. HealthCheck training must be up to date before you can access and take the fluoride varnish training. **CME credits** available at completion of training.

- <https://www.dchealthcheck.net/trainings/index.html>

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