

SELF-STUDY COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT



Smiles for Ohio—Fluoride Varnish: Training for Primary Medical Care Providers Serving Young Children Enrolled in Medicaid

The Ohio Department of Health's (ODH's) Oral Health program and the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University are proud to announce a self-study course available for primary medical care providers interested in improving the oral health of young children enrolled in Medicaid. This course is designed to provide Medicaid/Healthchek primary medical care providers and other health care providers with knowledge needed to reduce the incidence of dental caries among children under age 6 and to contribute to the establishment of a dental home. The course was adapted with permission from *Maryland's Mouths Matter*, a curriculum developed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Smiles for Ohio—Fluoride Varnish: Training for Primary Medical Care Providers Serving Young Children Enrolled in Medicaid, is a free, web-based course that consists of four modules:

- Module 1: The Role of Primary Medical Care Providers
- Module 2: Dental Caries Process
- Module 3: Caries Risk Assessment
- Module 4: Anticipatory Guidance, Fluoride Varnish and Referral

Course Objectives for Physicians

- The participant will be able to communicate to parents the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendations that pediatricians conduct an oral health risk assessment on children beginning at age 6 months and refer children at high risk for dental caries (tooth decay) to a dental home by age 1.
- The participant will be able to explain to parents the factors that influence the development of dental caries and the role good nutrition plays in reducing dental caries.
- The participant will be able to quickly and effectively conduct a caries risk assessment, including interviewing the child's parents or other primary caregivers and performing an oral health screening.
- The participant will be able to apply fluoride varnish to a child's teeth as a component of a well or sick child visit.

Course Objectives for Nurses

- The participant will be able to describe the purpose of and the procedures for fluoride varnish application and reasons for referral to a dentist.
- The participant will be able to explain the purpose of and tools available for caries risk assessment as well as how to conduct an oral health screening.
- The participant will be able to explain what to emphasize when providing anticipatory guidance and referral information to parents or caregivers.

- The participant will be able to apply fluoride varnish to a child's teeth as a component of a well or sick child visit.

Participants who complete this self study course may take the post-tests.

To access the course, go to:

<http://www.ohiodentalclinics.com/curricula/smiles/index.html>

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