



Introduction

Purpose of This Toolkit

Pediatricians and office staff play an important role in preventing dental caries in children. The purpose of this toolkit is to support the implementation of fluoride varnish applications in a primary care setting.

How to Use this Toolkit

This toolkit is divided into four sections. Each section includes a brief description and supporting documents to coordinate your efforts.

Getting Started

The documents in this section will provide you and your staff with the tools needed to create a fluoride varnish protocol specific to your office including a 9-step quick reference, protocol template, and a How to Apply Fluoride Varnish visual for reference.

Medical Provider Resources

Documents in this section cover the requirements and recommendations to provide oral health screenings including a periodicity schedule and oral health risk assessment tool from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Staff Resources

These resources can be used by staff to educate families and refer them to a dental home. This section includes an informational sheet that can be given to the family and a list of community dental clinics that families can be referred to for continued dental care.

Supporting Evidence

The documents in this section support the implementation of fluoride varnish in a medical setting including California's Oral Health Plan, the All Plan Letter from the Department of Health Care Services, and publications that address fluoride varnish in a medical setting.