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AAP Oral Health News

Bi-monthly AAP Oral Health E-Newsletter – This newsletter has moved to a bi-monthly format. We hope that this less frequent newsletter will still provide you with all the emerging information about children's oral health. You will notice that the newsletter is longer in length to accommodate 2 months of content. If you have questions or comments about this new format, please email oralhealth@aap.org.

Revised Edition of the AAP PACT Training – The AAP is pleased to announce the revised [Protecting All Children's Teeth \(PACT\): A Pediatric Oral Health Training Program](#). Along with standard updates, the new addition includes an educational materials page that contains PowerPoint presentations on the 13 topics covered in PACT, such as dental development, caries, fluoride, and oral injury, and links to AAP oral health resources. Each presentation includes photos, speakers notes, and links to resources and references.

New AAP Children's Oral Health Web Site – The AAP will soon be unveiling its new Children's Oral Health Web site. The site will provide improved navigation and new resources to educate pediatricians, families, and others about oral health. It is expected that the new site will be launched in May/June 2011. Stay tuned!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Captain Mark Nehring, DDS

Dr Mary Wakefield, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Administrator, announced that Captain Mark Nehring, DDS, has been appointed as the Acting Chief Dental Officer for HRSA while continuing to direct the oral health program in the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) would like to extend special congratulations to Dr Nehring, who has been a great friend and supporter of AAP efforts to reduce the incidence of early childhood caries and improve children's access to oral health care. Dr Nehring is one of the [AAP Oral Health Champions](#) and we know will continue to be one as we work together to improve children's oral health.

FDA Invites Comments on Proposed Draft Menu and Vending Machine Labeling Requirements

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm249471.htm>

On April 1, 2011, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued 2 proposed regulations regarding calorie labeling on menus and menu boards in chain restaurants, retail food establishments, and vending machines. Under the proposed rules, operators who own or operate 20 or more vending machines would post calorie information for food sold in a vending machine, unless certain nutrition information is already visible on individual packages of food inside the machine. The FDA is seeking public comment on the proposed rule for menu labeling for 60 days (until 06-06-2011). Comments on the proposed rule on vending machines may be submitted for 90 days (until 07-05-2011). The FDA plans to issue final rules before the end of 2011. Comments may be submitted electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Free Online Access - Special Issue on Pediatric Dentistry

[http://www.jebdp.com/issues/contents?issue_key=S1532-3382\(11\)X0002-7](http://www.jebdp.com/issues/contents?issue_key=S1532-3382(11)X0002-7)

The *Journal of Evidence-Based Dental Practice* has published a special issue on pediatric dentistry that addresses health promotion, disease prevention, and public health and provides an overview of the current state of evidence regarding pediatric dental practice. The Guest Editor for this issue was Dr Norman Tinanoff from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. This issue is available for free online.

Knock Tobacco Out of the Park with AAP

The AAP is partnering with other major public health organizations on a campaign to urge Major League Baseball (MLB) and the MLB Players Association to Knock Tobacco Out of the Park by implementing a policy to ban smokeless tobacco use by MLB players. The campaign has created a Web site to contact MLB Commissioner Bud Selig, as well as MLB Players Association Executive Director, Michael Weiner. [Tell the MLB that you want America's pastime to be smoke-free!](#)

Seeking Evidence Based Dentistry Champions for 2011 Meeting

<http://www.ada.org/278.aspx>

The American Dental Association (ADA) Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry (EBD) is looking for leaders in dentistry to learn to implement EBD into their practices and teaching and to mentor colleagues in EBD principles. Only 100 applicants will be selected to participate in this unique educational opportunity. Conference tuition is free to attendees, who will earn 11–14 hours of CE credit. Deadline for applications is June 10, 2011.

IN THE NEWS

Study Reveals That Female Dentists Focus More on Prevention

DrBicuspid.com – April 19

<http://www.drBicuspid.com/index.aspx?Sec=sup&Sub=pmt&pag=dis&ItemID=307453&wf=47>

Female dentists focus more rigorously on caries prevention than their male counterparts, says a [study](#) in the *Journal of the American Dental Association*. “Scientific findings have supported a shift among dental practitioners toward greater use of prevention and more conservative management of caries,” the authors write. “We found that female dentists who were members of the (Dental Practice-Based Research Network) had a greater preference than did male dentists for individualized caries-preventive regimens and are more likely to recommend at-home fluoride treatments for both pediatric and adult patients. ... Female dentists also took a more conservative approach, choosing to restore interproximal lesions at a later stage of their development and preferring to use preventive therapy at earlier stages.”

Australian Children Have Terrible Teeth and Oral Health is Decaying

Herald Sun – April 14

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/aussie-children-have-terrible-teeth/story-e6frf7l6-1226039127551>

Australian children have terrible teeth and their oral health is getting worse, despite billions of dollars being spent to fix the problem. Dental researchers from Adelaide University have been awarded \$1.3 million to find out why the system is failing Australia's children. Professor John Spencer from the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health will lead a national study over the next 4 years. "In this study we will be looking at how dental services for our children are organized and delivered, comparing the use of private dentists and school dental services and the outcomes for child oral health," he says.

Dentists Call for Compulsory Mouthguards for Children Who Play Sports

The Canberra Times – April 14

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/national/national/general/dentists-call-for-compulsory-mouthguards-for-children-in-sport/2133772.aspx>

Dentists want mouthguards to be made compulsory for children playing contact sports after a survey discovered that most junior athletes in Australia did not have adequate protection against dental injuries. The survey, commissioned by the Australian Dental Association, found that only 47% of children who played contact sports wore mouthguards. Slightly more than one-third of 5- to 17-year-olds had a mouthguard and wore it when playing sports. Only 19% of children wore mouthguards during training for contact sports. According to David Manton, oral health committee member, children are just as likely to suffer dental injuries during training as in a game. However, the association recommends against over-the-counter "boil and bite" mouthguards because they offer little protection against injuries.

Gum Disease Treatment During Pregnancy Doesn't Harm Babies

Reuters – April 13

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/13/us-gum-disease-idUSTRE73C7RM20110413>

Pregnant women can safely be treated for gum infections without having to worry about their baby's health, according to a [new study](#). The concern among dentists had been that treating the problem could cause bacteria to get into the mothers' bloodstream, which could harm babies' development. Dentists have shied away from aggressive teeth-cleaning for this reason. But those fears are unfounded, the new study shows. "Women can be confident that it's not going to have clinically meaningful effects on their child's development," says Dr Bryan Michalowicz, whose findings are published online in the journal *Pediatrics*.

Dentists to Be Paid for "Quality" in England

BBC News – April 11

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-13036501>

Dentists in England will soon be paid for quality of treatment rather than quantity. Under the existing system, dentists provide and are paid for a set number of courses of National Health Service (NHS) treatments. Under the new system, dentists will be paid per patient not per treatment. The aim, says the coalition government, is to get dentists away from the "drill and fill" culture where payments are tied to treatment targets. Instead, it wants dentists to work with patients to promote good oral health, while being accountable for the quality of the services provided. The government says the new system means dentists will be fairly rewarded through "weighted capitation funding" for the patients they take on and motivated through financial incentives to provide the best clinical care to improve quality and clinical outcomes.

Does School Type Play a Role as Indicator of Socioeconomic Status in Surveys About Oral Health?

WorldDental.org – April 11

<http://worldental.org/dental-news/type-school-play-role-indicator-socioeconomic-status/4277>

Although it is important to collect socioeconomic status (SES) data in surveys relating to oral health with children, it is the parents who are the main respondents. Instead, a good indicator of SES may be the type of school (public or private) that the child is attending. In an epidemiological survey on dental caries in Brazilian children, the type of school children attend became the substitute for collecting individual data to determine socioeconomic status. In this case, the type of the school was a low indicator of SES; however, when the type of school is used as the sole variable in the analysis, the results show that children attending public schools present a much higher prevalence of dental cavities than children attending private schools.

Steroid Medications Not Tied to Oral Birth Defects

Reuters – April 11

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/11/us-health-steroids-idUSTRE73A53W20110411>

Babies born to women who take corticosteroid drugs for asthma or other chronic illnesses may not have a heightened risk of birth defects known as oral clefts, a [study](#) published in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* suggests. Researchers found that among more than 800,000 babies born in Denmark, there was no clear link between mothers' use of corticosteroids early in pregnancy and the risk of oral clefts. The findings do not prove there is no risk, experts say, but should offer women some reassurance about their needed medications. "No drug can be proven 100 percent safe," says lead researcher Dr Anders Hviid. "However, our study supports that moderate to large increases in cleft risk can be excluded."

Government Announces Plan to Reduce Health Disparities

Associated Press – April 8

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110408/ap_on_he_me/us_med_health_disparities

Minority populations tend to suffer poorer health and get poorer health care than white Americans. In a report from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), steps are recommended to reduce those disparities. The plan runs the gamut from improving dental care for poor children to tapping savvy community health workers who can help guide their Spanish-speaking neighbors in seeking treatment. But it acknowledges that giving everyone an equal shot at living a healthy life depends on far more than what happens inside a doctor's office or steps that federal health officials can take. According to Dr Howard Koh, HHS Assistant Secretary, "We really need a full commitment from the country to achieve these goals."

Prevention Key to a Future of Bright Smiles in Canada

McGill Reporter – April 6

<http://dailygleaner.canadaeast.com/cityregion/article/1395919>

Early childhood cavities affect 42% of Quebec children by the time they start kindergarten. This statistic spurred a group of 4 third-year McGill Dentistry students to develop Bright Smiles, an awareness program that aims to equip parents with the knowledge necessary to improve the oral health of their children. Students created a reader-friendly, Q&A-style pamphlet that covers the oral health basics and addresses topics such as oral hygiene, diet, and teething. The [Bright Smiles Web site](#) mirrors the pamphlet and provides a how-to video to guide parents in establishing a healthy oral hygiene routine for their kids. "We hope that these resources will be a stepping stone towards parents visiting the dentist early on in their child's life and that this will lead to continued education and prevention," says Sarah Habib, one of the students who initiated the project.

Rise in Cavities Probably Linked to Obesity, Canadian Dentist Says

Daily Gleaner – April 6

<http://dailygleaner.canadaeast.com/cityregion/article/1395919>

According to officials from the New Brunswick Dental Society, rising rates of cavities in young people may be tied to the growing numbers of obese children. Dr Larry Peacocke, society president, says dentists across the province have noticed disturbing changes in their patients, trends that are specifically tied to the oral health of many young New Brunswickers struggling with poor physical health and eating habits. "The incidence of cavities in children's teeth is increasing along with their waistlines," he says. As a result, many young New Brunswickers are faced with bulging bellies, preventable cavities, and an increased risk of developing Type II diabetes. Peacocke recommends that parents read food labels, try to minimize the amount of sweeteners their children consume, and keep visits to fast food restaurants and consumption of soft drinks and high-sugar fruit drinks to a minimum. "The result will be fewer obese kids who have more energy. The post-sugar crash will be eliminated, enhancing performance in school. And finally, dental check-ups will improve, reducing the need for remedial treatment and saving money for the family."

Oral Bacteria May Halt Dental Plaque

Dentistry.co.uk – April 5

<http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/3889--Oral-health-Oral-bacteria-may-halt-dental-plaque#>

Oral health experts are suggesting that an enzyme produced by mouth bacterium inhibits dental plaque. The finding could eventually lead to the development of toothpaste that harnesses the body's plaque-fighting tools. A team of scientists from Japan has shown that the bacterium *Streptococcus salivarius*, a non-biofilm forming and otherwise harmless inhabitant of the human mouth, actually inhibits the formation of dental biofilms or plaque. FRuA, one of the enzymes responsible for inhibition, "may be useful for prevention of dental caries," the authors write. The research is published in the [March 2011 issue](#) of *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*.

Gum Disease More Harmful Than Diabetes

Medical News Today – April 4

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/221159.php>

New research suggests that gum disease carries a higher risk of causing a stroke than diabetes, and its impact is nearly the equivalent of high blood pressure as a major cause of strokes. There has been growing evidence of the link between gum disease and strokes, and the latest research indicates that people are twice as likely to suffer a non-fatal stroke as a result of gum disease, compared to diabetes. The data also suggests its impact is equivalent to people with high blood pressure. According to Dr Nigel Carter, Chief Executive of the British Dental Health Foundation, “The fact that high blood pressure carries a similar risk to gum disease is in itself a significant finding. The other finding which shows that gum disease nearly doubles the risk of non-fatal strokes, compared to diabetes, is totally unexpected. The research sends a clear message that the risks caused by poor oral health should not be overlooked or considered less important when compared to other factors.”

Low Awareness About Infant Oral Health in India

Times of India – April 2

http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2011-04-02/india/29373936_1_oral-health-oral-infections-infant

A lack of awareness about the oral health care of children is causing the Government Dental College and Hospital to reach out to pediatricians, physicians, and health care providers to seek their help in educating parents on the oral health of their children. A survey of several areas in India revealed that a large number of families are using single toothbrush for all members, inviting the danger of acquiring serious oral infections. “Since oral health is a vital part of overall infant health and not many parents go to dentists for oral check-up of their children, this causes major oral health problems,” says Dr Navneet Grewal. According to Dr Grewal, very few pediatricians in these areas check the child’s oral health unless there is a problem. To help health care providers with primary preventive strategies of oral health care, the college has prepared an instruction manual.

Third Cohort of Students Enter ADA Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program

PR Newswire – March 31

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/third-cohort-of-students-enter-ada-community-dental-health-coordinator-pilot-program-118839759.html>

The American Dental Association's (ADA) Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) pilot program welcomes its third group of students, while the second student group moves on to the internship phase of their training. The first group is now practicing in clinics, schools, and other public health settings. The pilot program, funded by the ADA, trains students at a number of US program sites to become community health workers with a special focus on dental skills who will help people in underserved communities improve their oral health. In most cases, CDHCs return to work in the same communities from which they were recruited, eliminating the social, language, and cultural barriers that could otherwise impede their effectiveness. CDHCs are trained to perform limited preventive procedures and to help patients needing dental care from dentists navigate the system, linking them with dentists to provide that care. The CDHC is modeled on the community health worker, a proven public health model that has been extraordinarily successful. Like that model, CDHCs focus on health education, prevention, disease management, and increasing access to fully trained dentists as needed. “We are delighted to see these individuals return to their communities as trained community health workers, playing an important role in resolving barriers to help improve residents' dental care,” says Raymond F Gist, DDS, ADA president. “That's what this program is all about.”

School-Based Health Centers to Increase Access to Oral Health Care For Medically Underserved Children and Adolescents

PR Newswire – March 29

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/school-based-health-centers-to-increase-access-to-oral-health-care-for-medically-underserved-children-and-adolescents-118837579.html>

The [National Assembly on School-Based Health Care](#) (NASBHC), a nonprofit organization that aims to advance and advocate for school-based health centers, has received a \$600,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente to increase access to oral health care for approximately 3000 children and adolescents with demonstrated need. NASBHC will use a competitive grant process to distribute funding to the SBHC field to expand the scope of practice of existing staff. The geographic reach of the project will be national with a focus on Colorado, California, Oregon, Washington, Georgia, Ohio, Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia. During the project, NASBHC and its partners will train existing SBHC staff—primary care providers and medical support staff—to expand their scope of practice to include oral health risk assessment and will assist in building a referral network so that their patients receive the treatment they need. In addition, the project will facilitate relationship-building between SBHC state associations and child oral health policy advocates. “One of the most pressing, unmet

health needs of children and adolescents that SBHCs seek to address is oral health,” says Linda Juszczak, executive director. “With specialized training and support, our nation’s SBHCs are well-positioned to provide their young patients with access to the oral health care they need to stay healthy and in school.”

Pediatric Dentists Advocate to Maintain Funding in Residency Programs

Daily Bruin – March 28

http://www.dailybruin.com/index.php/article/2011/03/pediatric_dentists_advocate_to_maintain_funding_in_residency_programs

Most dentistry residency programs only teach residents to “fill and drill,” says pediatric dentist Deya Sanchez, but the UCLA Community Health and Advocacy Training-Pediatric Dentistry (CHAT-PD) program integrates its dentists into communities to serve children medically and find solutions for the underlying problems that lead to dental health issues. Instead of just treating patients, CHAT-PD residents work in their community to prevent the disease at a young age through projects like annual dental screenings in elementary schools. Dr Sanchez recently had the opportunity to provide input from her personal experience to legislators in Washington, DC. One topic of discussion directly affects the residents—they depend on the federal government for community-based pediatric dentistry programs such as CHAT-PD. “(The program) is designed to train you to work with your community,” Sanchez says. “Not just as a provider but at a bigger level with other community advocates.”

DentaQuest Foundation Directs \$4 Million in Grants to Improve Oral Health in United States

Dentistry IQ – March 25

http://www.dentistryiq.com/index/display/article-display/1954833994/articles/dentistryiq/industry/2011/03/dentaquest-oral_health.html

The DentaQuest Foundation awarded more than \$4 million in 2010 to organizations in 8 states who are dedicated to improving the oral health of Americans. A total of 48 grants are supporting initiatives in Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, Illinois, Mississippi, New York, and Kentucky to reduce health inequities, highlight prevention, foster civic engagement, and influence systems that promote oral health beyond the clinical setting. “Progress in addressing oral health disparities requires the support and engagement of the entire community. Equipped with effective tools and knowledge, community leaders, parents, health care providers, educators and the general public can more easily tackle oral health problems,” explains Ralph Fuccillo, foundation president. “We applaud the overall response to gaps in access and feel certain that these grants will further local and national efforts to improve oral health.” A full list of the 2010 grants can be viewed online at <http://www.dentaquestfoundation.org/grants/history.php>.

Orthodontic Researchers Ask, “Where's Your Retainer?”

Science Daily – March 24

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/03/110324103153.htm>

Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine researchers are getting serious about the question, “Have you been wearing your retainer?” Manish Valiathan, assistant professor, and fellow researchers embarked on 3 studies that examined how people are using retainers, which types are prescribed, and what happens when patients do not follow up orthodontic work with a retainer. A random survey of orthodontists across the United States revealed that the majority (58.2%) prescribed removable retainers, whereas 40% opted for fixed lingual retainers that are worn for life. A second survey indicated that many patients were still using their original retainers 2 years later, a sign that teeth had not moved. Additionally, researchers found that age, gender, and the type of retainer did not impact compliance. The third study was a pilot research project that examined the ramifications of no retainer use within the first 4 weeks after braces removal. Nearly half the participants showed no movement, and many showed positive settling of the back teeth including the molars. Some did require additional orthodontic treatment at the end of the 4 weeks. “Further studies with a larger study population will let us know if some patients can go without using retainers,” Valiathan says. However, orthodontic researchers still need to study what kinds of conditions require long-term retainer use.

Dental Floss Not for You?

Dentistry.co.uk – March 23

<http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/3832--Oral-health-Dental-floss-not-for-youqx#>

With an estimated 80% of the British population showing signs of gingival inflammation, the importance of interproximal cleaning and the need for preventive dentistry through the education of patients has never been greater. The most common method of removing plaque from between the teeth is dental floss; however, this technique has not proven popular, with the British Dental Health Foundation showing that only a small percentage of the British public use it in their daily routine. Patients therefore need to be made aware of other acceptable alternatives, such as interdental brushes that have the ability to get in between each tooth and may

be better suited to hectic lifestyles. Patients should be encouraged to use interdental brushes alongside an interproximal gel that contains chlorhexidine-fluoride so that the combined process can combat bacteria in those areas hardest to access. Patients should also be advised to protect their tooth enamel from demineralization by using a non-abrasive, alcohol-free formula alongside the gel.

Sealants Slow Progression of Most Deep Cavities

Medscape – March 22

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/739451>

Sealants might be a successful treatment for occlusal cavities that penetrate the dentin, researchers report at the International Association of Dental Research General Session and Exhibition. A 2.5-year study compared restorations with sealants and found no correlation between the depth of lesion and the failure of the sealant or restoration; however, the restorations and sealants on first molars were significantly more likely to fail than those on premolars and second molars. There was also no significant correlation between the progression of caries and lesion depth, but caries were more likely to progress when the sealants failed. Lead researcher Vibeke Qvist, DDS, PhD, says that dentists should consider using sealants in this type of lesion because more tooth structure can be preserved. “A restoration is ultimately fatal for the tooth ... It will not last for the tooth's entire lifetime; it is the start of an ongoing treatment with more and more loss of tooth substance.” Sealants, in contrast, require no removal of tooth structure and might even permit remineralization. Dr Qvist believes the study shows that sealants can offer a reasonable alternative to restorations. However, Margherita Fontana, DDS, PhD, says it is too early to conclude that lesions in dentin can be treated with sealants. “There are still many questions that need to be answered (eg, cost-effectiveness, long-term effectiveness).”

Dentists Warn Cavities Are Contagious

Savannah Morning News – March 21

<http://savannahnow.com/accent/2011-03-21/dentists-warn-cavities-are-contagious>

Drop a baby's spoon or pacifier on a clean floor and many parents will probably lick it off and stick it back in the baby's mouth. But dentists are advising parents not to do that because they could be passing on an unwelcome legacy of cavities. “Children aren't born with bacteria in their mouths” that causes tooth decay, says dentist H Byron Colley III. “They get that bacteria by sharing utensils and by transferring saliva” with other, bacteria-laden mouths, such as their parents ... If the oral hygiene of the parent is not good, that will be transferred to their child. Then that leads to tooth decay.” Colley and other dentists say many parents are surprised to learn they can transfer cavities and poor oral health to their children. The problem is made worse by other common dental mistakes, such as giving baby the wrong beverages, not brushing baby's teeth, and waiting too long for the first checkup. “Dentistry is about education and prevention,” Colley says.

Dentist Says Fluoridation Will Help Deprived Kids

Dentistry.co.uk – March 18

<http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/3822-Dentist-says-fluoridation-will-help-deprived-kids>

New research indicates that children's dental health in Wales is suffering as a result of deprived backgrounds. The study reveals that only half the Welsh population has access to an NHS dentist. It also shows that more than 75% of children younger than 15 in the least deprived areas of Wales paid a visit to their NHS dentist, compared to 62% in the most deprived areas. Although the results did not show any trends in adults, the overall level of dental health in Wales has raised concerns. The Welsh Assembly has yet to discuss plans to fluoridate their water supply, but Dr Nigel Carter, Chief executive of the British Dental Health Foundation, thinks this could significantly improve oral health across the country. “Fluoridation is the most important single measure that the UK Government and Welsh Assembly can take to bring a substantial change in the nation's dental health,” he says. “The Foundation is calling for the Assembly to facilitate the rapid introduction of fluoride into the nation's water supplies, particularly in areas of social and economic deprivation.”

Dentists Warn Against Sports Drinks

Cosmetic Dentistry Guide – March 18

<http://www.cosmeticdentistryguide.co.uk/news/dentists-warn-against-sports-drinks-6061>

Dentists in Australia are warning against the potentially harmful effects of sports drinks. Many people drink these drinks for a boost and athletes use them to keep hydrated and provide more energy to improve their performance. However, dentists warn that some energy drinks contain a significant amount of sugar and can be detrimental to oral health. According to Dr Brett Dorney, there has been a huge increase in the number of patients suffering from acid erosion since the Sydney Olympics. Dentists have reported a strong link between oral health problems and consumption of energy drinks and an alarming number of elite athletes are developing severe dental conditions as a result of drinking energy drinks on a regular basis.

New “Dissolvable Tobacco” Products May Increase Risk of Mouth Disease

EurekAlert – March 16

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2011-03/acs-nt031611.php

A study that analyzed the complex ingredients in the new genre of dissolvable tobacco products has concluded that these pop-into-the-mouth replacements for cigarettes have the potential to cause mouth diseases and other problems. John V Goodpaster and colleagues also note the possibility that children may be accidentally poisoned by the nicotine in these products. “The packaging and design of the dissolvables may also appeal to children, and some dissolvables, such as Orbs, may be mistaken for candy.” According to Goodpaster, the results of the study “reveal the complexity of dissolvable tobacco products and may be used to assess potential health effects.” The report appears in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*.

School Band Instruments Are Bacterial Hot Spots

WebMD – March 16

<http://teens.webmd.com/news/20110316/school-band-instruments-are-bacterial-hot-spots>

Band instruments may be a breeding ground for harmful bacteria, according to a study published in the [March/April issue](#) of *General Dentistry*. Although both the internal and external components of brass and woodwind instruments—which are often shared among students without sanitizing—were found to be contaminated, the mouthpiece harbored the heaviest concentrations of illness-causing microorganisms. “Most of these instruments have been played by other students, and without the proper sanitation, bacteria and fungi can thrive for weeks and even months after the last use,” says study researcher R Thomas Glass, DDS, PhD. “Many of these microbes are highly resistant to ... the antibiotics normally used in general practice, including methicillin,” researchers write. According to Academy of General Dentistry spokeswoman Cynthia Sherwood, DDS, FAGD, “Instruments should be cleaned after each use to reduce the number of organisms ... And cleaning should not be confined to the mouthpiece, since the bacteria invade the entire instrument.”

Could There Be More Than Lunch Lurking On Your Retainer?

RedOrbit – March 15

http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/2012899/could_there_be_more_than_lunch_lurking_on_your_retainer/

Insufficient cleaning could allow build-up of microbes on orthodontic retainers, researchers at the UCL Eastman Dental Institute have found. Dr Jonathan Pratten and colleagues looked at the types of microbes which live on retainers. This study, which found potentially pathogenic microbes growing on at least 50% of the retainers, was published in the Society for Applied Microbiology's *Letters in Applied Microbiology* and could indicate a need for the development of improved cleaning products for orthodontic retainers. Although the researchers are now looking at developing effective methods of cleaning, for now hygiene is the key to reducing the transmission of these bugs. Anyone handling a retainer should wash their hands before and after use. Careful toothbrushing and mouthwash may also help keep the retainer clean.

Dentists Applaud New Smoking Plans

Dentistry.co.uk – March 11

<http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/3780--Oral-health-Dentists-applaud-new-smoking-plans>

The British Dental Association (BDA) has joined other members of the Smokefree Action Coalition in applauding a new government plan to reduce smoking prevalence. The plan includes prohibiting the display of tobacco products in large shops by April 2012 and small shops by April 2015 and a commitment to consider forcing tobacco products to be sold in plain packaging. It also sets forth targets for the reduction of smoking prevalence in adults, children, and pregnant women. According to Professor Damien Walmsley, scientific adviser to the BDA, “Tobacco use has a significant negative impact on dental health, contributing to the increasing number of cases of oral cancers and conditions such as gum disease. Tobacco is one of the factors that creates and perpetuates oral health inequalities in the UK. ... The BDA is committed to eradicating the harm that tobacco does to the nation's health.”

Dentists Invited to Join Child Tooth Decay Study

Dentistry.co.uk – March 10

<http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/3776--Oral-health-Dentists-invited-to-join-child-tooth-decay-study>

Hundreds of dental practices across the UK will be invited to participate in Filling Children's Teeth: Indicated or Not (FiCTION), a major trial to assess the benefits of 3 different methods of managing tooth decay in children. Participating dentists will be from general dental practices throughout the UK where children who attend for regular dental care will be invited to take part. All children in the trial will be seen by their dentist up to 4 times per year and checked for any problems that require care. The methods that will be examined include: 1) Using only preventive techniques (ie, better toothbrushing, less sugar in the diet, application of high fluoride varnish

and fissure sealants) to stop the decay; 2) Conventional fillings with preventive techniques; and 3) Biological treatment of the decay (ie, sealing the decay into teeth with filling materials or under crowns) with preventive techniques. The study is also examining what the children, ages 3 to 7, think of the different treatments.

Shift to Smokeless Tobacco Brings Its Own Set of Health Risks

Star News Online – March 8

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20110308/ARTICLES/110309646/-1/business?Title=Shift-to-smokeless-tobacco-brings-its-own-set-of-health-risks>

The increased number of smoking bans in public places has led to a drop in cigarette sales, says Paul Turner Jr, director of the North Carolina Spit Tobacco Education Program. But at the same time cigarettes are getting squeezed, demand for smokeless products like chewing tobacco is growing. The health dangers have not gone away with the shift. Turner discusses the different kinds of smokeless tobacco—dip, snuff, and snus designed so people don't have to spit and can be less conspicuous—with area middle and high school students, dentists, and health providers. With the students, he points out the health risks of dipping or chewing. With the dentists and health workers, he warns about the rise in smokeless tobacco usage and new products the tobacco industry is developing. Turner says he hopes the conversations with health providers will get them to ask more patients if they use smokeless tobacco, not just if they smoke.

Awareness Campaign Launched in UK to Prevent Unnecessary Tooth Removal

Medical News Today – March 7

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/218364.php>

Leading UK dental professionals have launched the Saving Teeth Awareness Campaign to provide information to patients who have a tooth infection that could result in tooth loss. The campaign was prompted by the widespread lack of awareness among patients that many teeth can be saved by root canal therapy. Recent figures for the NHS show that 2 million teeth were removed last year but only approximately half a million root treatments were undertaken. The options for replacing a lost tooth might be a bridge, a denture, or an implant. In the interest of dental health, however, if the natural tooth can be saved through root canal therapy and adequately restored, it should be first choice. According to root canal specialist Julian Webber, "Keeping your natural teeth is often more economical in the long-term as well as being better for health."

New Figures Show More People in UK Are Receiving NHS Dental Care

Business & Health – March 7

<http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/119603/20110307/new-figures-show-more-receive-nhs-dental-care.htm>

The UK's regional Scottish Government recently announced an unprecedented higher level of public access to NHS dentists. Figures indicate that substantially more people are now registered with an NHS dentist, including 94% of all children aged 6 to 12. Research confirmed in 2004 that NHS dentists were in short supply despite an increase in dental recruitment with rural and deprived communities. England and Wales had less than one practicing NHS dentist for every 1,000 people and less than a third of the population had access to the service. Susie Sanderson, the Chairman of the British Dental Association, welcomes the figures as "good news for the patients who are benefiting from the improvement"; however, critics claim that more needs to be done to allow rural populations better access to NHS dental treatment.

PEW "Scorecard" Shows Dentist Shortage in All 50 States

Dentistry IQ – March 7

http://www.dentistryiq.com/index/display/article-display/2111977665/articles/dentistryiq/hygiene-department/2011/03/PEW_dentist_shortage.html

The Commonwealth Fund's Scorecard on Child Health System Performance recognizes the role of new dental providers in improving the healthcare system and ranks states on 20 health indicators for children, including dental care access. The authors note that "many children live with oral health problems that could be addressed with timely, affordable access" to care. According to the Fund, "States will need to address the supply of dental care, likely with workforce innovations to meet children's preventive and other oral health needs." The Fund's call for states to address the supply of dental providers coincides with PEW's [new issue brief](#) showing the scope of the problem. The brief reveals that more than 31 million people are "unserved," meaning they have no reasonable expectation of finding a dentist in or near their community.

Stakeholders Discuss Cone-beam Computed Tomography

ADA News – March 7

<http://www.ada.org/news/5531.aspx>

Recognizing the need to keep the public informed on cone-beam computed tomography, ADA President Ray Gist convened a stakeholders meeting in February to discuss what dentistry is doing to protect public health on this issue. The meeting invited dental specialty organizations and industry to evaluate the science of CBCT and to advance oral health care and included ADA leadership. “We approve of the use of advanced technology,” Dr Gist says. “The American public deserves the best dental care available without being concerned for its safety, and the ADA is determined to ensure that this care is provided.”

New Zealand Children’s Dental Health Still Among Worst

Nzherald.co.nz – March 6

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10710408

The dental health of young children in New Zealand continues to be among the worst in the developed world. A school dental services report found that 44% of 5-year-olds have at least one decayed, missing, or filled tooth. In 2000, 48% of 5-year-olds had cavities, and the figure has not dropped below 43% since then. Pediatric dentist Clarence Tam says it is not unusual to see children as young as 2 with huge holes in several teeth. “It definitely seems to be on the rise for 5-year-olds and younger children,” he says. The report, by the Ministry of Health, shows Maori and Pacific Island 5-year-olds have the worst oral hygiene, with 65% and 73% having one or more decayed, missing, or filled teeth. Free dental care is available for children up to 18, and most public primary schools have a dental clinic and many regions operate mobile clinics; however, parents don't see oral health as a priority and only take their children to a dentist in an emergency, says New Zealand Dental Association spokeswoman Deepa Krishnan. Dr Tam agrees and says diet is also to blame, with people choosing unhealthy snacks that allow acid to attack teeth.

Topiramate Use During Pregnancy Increases Risk for Oral Clefts

FDA.gov – March 4

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm245777.htm>

The FDA is warning about the possibility of cleft lip and cleft palate among newborns whose mothers have taken topiramate during pregnancy, marketed both in generic form and as Topamax. Topiramate is an anticonvulsant that is also used to prevent migraines. The agency acted to move the drug to pregnancy category D, which denotes that evidence has been found in humans showing fetal risk but that the potential benefit of the drug may outweigh the magnitude of that risk. The FDA recommends that pregnant women and women who may become pregnant “discuss other treatment options” with their clinicians before starting topiramate. For more information, visit <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm245085.htm>.

ADA Questions Findings From Pew DHT Study

ADA News – March 2

<http://www.ada.org/news/5511.aspx>

The ADA is challenging the information reported in the Pew Center on the States report “It Takes a Team,” which analyzed the value of adding dental health therapists or hygienist/therapists to private dental practice. The study claimed that adding these new allied providers would allow practices to serve more patients, improve productivity, and maintain or improve profit margins while increasing access to dental care. The ADA conducted its own analysis to determine whether its reservations about the report were accurate. “In this analytical review, we have shown that the Pew report uses unreasonable assumptions, faulty economic analysis and, thus, delivers erroneous conclusions, which may well end up harming rather than helping the cause they are advocating,” the ADA says. “The ADA supports innovations in the dental team that will truly break down barriers to oral health care for those who are in need ... The best way that can be done is focusing heavily on prevention—the key to improving oral health and helping patients who need care to receive it from the best and most efficient dental team. All patients, regardless of means, should expect nothing less.”

New Pathogen Connected to Severe Early Childhood Caries Identified

Science Daily – February 28

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/02/110228090214.htm>

Researchers at The Forsyth Institute have made a significant discovery about the nature of childhood dental disease. Scientific studies led by Anne Tanner, BDS, PhD, have identified a new pathogen connected to severe early childhood caries. This bacterium, *Scardovia wiggsiae*, was present in the mouths of children with severe early childhood caries when other known pathogens such as *Streptococcus mutans* were not detected. This

research may offer the potential to intervene and halt the progression of disease. "Understanding the causes of severe dental decay in young children is the first step in identifying an effective cure," Dr Tanner says.

Special Assistants Making Inroads in Dentistry

Business Week – February 25

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/645762.html>

A WK Kellogg Foundation study released in October found that dental therapists in Alaska successfully prevented children's tooth decay and competently performed such procedures as filling cavities with amalgam fillings. The American Dental Association (ADA) has criticized the sample used in the Kellogg report and offers an alternative known as the *community dental health coordinator*. Coordinators would be members of the oral health care team, teaching people how to prevent cavities, gum disease, and other oral health problems. Coordinators would also perform basic clinical services, such as dental screenings, fluoride treatments, placement of dental sealants, and simple teeth cleanings, as well as help patients find a dentist to fill cavities and treat more serious problems. Proponents of dental therapists are concerned that the coordinators would not have enough training and responsibilities to differentiate them from oral hygienists and, therefore, would not be able to extend dental care to people with unmet needs.

Dental Products Raise Concern About Zinc Toxicity

Digital Journal – March 6

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/304335>

Dental experts are warning of zinc toxicity that might occur with overuse of dental products. Amar Patel, DDS and colleagues at the University of Maryland Dental School determined that dental patients are exposed to zinc from a variety of sources that include restorative materials, mouthwashes, toothpastes and denture adhesives. Too much zinc can be toxic and has become a recent concern among dental professionals. The review is published in the [March/April 2011 issue](#) of the journal *General Dentistry*.

OHA Encourages Dental Community to Watch out for Children

Dentistry IQ – March 28

http://www.dentistryiq.com/index/display/article-display/0657955858/articles/dentistryiq/industry/2011/03/oha-child_abuse.html

Oral Health America wants to call attention to the important role that dental professionals play in fighting child abuse. Approximately 65% of child abuse injuries involve injury to the head, neck, or mouth, often putting dental personnel first in line to note abuse of patients. According to Lynn Mouden, DDS, MPH, bilateral injuries to the face are indicators of abuse. Patterned injuries that indicate trauma from a hand or implement may also trigger further inquiry. "Dentists in every state and dental hygienists in most states are required by law to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect," Dr Mouden says. Dental professionals are not required to *prove* abuse or neglect, just to report suspected cases; it is up to the protective services agencies to determine whether a case is founded. Above all, care providers should remember that nothing could be worse than suspecting abuse or neglect, not wanting to report or failing to report it, and having that patient become a fatality of further maltreatment.

Giving Pediatricians the Tools to Complete OHRA in the Pediatric Practice

Dentistry IQ – March 1

<http://www.dentistryiq.com/index/display/article-display/0879656044/articles/dentistryiq/rdh-products/evillage-focus/2011/03/pediatrics-barone.html>

When pediatricians and other medical professionals are conducting an oral health risk assessment (OHRA) in the primary care office, the way in which they do it needs to be fast, efficient, and helpful in making decisions about referral, counseling, and the need to apply fluoride varnish. The AAP has been working with pediatric offices to develop practice tools to assist them in conducting an OHRA. The AAP first tested an OHRA "tool" through its Quality Improvement Innovation Network, specifically a chart sticker that queues the identification of caries risk factors and helps pediatricians identify risk and know when to refer urgently, apply fluoride varnish, and provide behavioral/nutritional counseling. These stickers are available in English and Spanish on the [AAP Web site](#). Because the stickers are brief and do not address disease indicators or protective factors, the AAP tested a more robust tool for the pediatric practice through the Brightening Oral Health Project, a Bright Futures Program. This tool includes risk factors, protective factors, physical findings, and high or low risk status. Through testing in 10 pediatric practices, the AAP has shown that this tool is effective in helping pediatricians to incorporate oral health into their practice. The AAP is continuing to test the Brightening Oral Health tool through a new quality improvement program called the Preventive Services Improvement Project, and the tool will soon be released for use on the [AAP Web site](#).

Physicians Can Prevent Dental Disease in Children, Study Suggests

Medscape.com – February 28

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/738069>

Children's dental health appears to improve when they get preventive services, including fluoride varnish, during medical appointments, according to a [study](#) published in *Pediatrics*. Children who got fluoride varnish, counseling, and dental assessments at least 4 times from their medical care providers were 17% less likely to have gotten fillings and other treatment for tooth decay at 6 years of age, reported researchers from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In addition, the trial found that those who received their initial treatment between 12 and 15 months of age were 49% less likely to require treatment for caries at age 17 months. The benefits of more frequent treatments should not be ignored, says Gary Rozier, DDS, MPH, coauthor of the study. According to David Krol, MD, MPH, a pediatrician at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "There's plenty of evidence to show that fluoride varnish makes a difference ... This study shows that it makes a difference in a medical office."

Push for Special Needs Oral Care in Canada

Vancouver Sun – February 28

<http://www.vancouversun.com/health/Push+special+needs+oral+care/4358116/story.html>

In Canada, many people with physical or mental disabilities are not receiving the oral care they need or have to wait for treatment for a year or more. "Approximately 4.4 million people in Canada have disabilities. Ensuring that they receive proper oral care is a major issue," says University of Toronto dentistry student Alison Sigal. "We know that people with certain disabilities don't have the hand function or ability to clean their teeth and that they are among the populations most affected by poor oral care," adds Sandy Lawlor, board member of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association. According to Dr Anthony Iacopino, director of the International Centre for Oral-Systemic Health, "A lot of effort is being put into non-traditional settings ... Healthcare professionals are out in the community or in other clinics. We're also seeing a lot more programs for non-dental health professionals, so that they can participate in screening and referring patients to oral health professionals." To address the health problems facing people with disabilities, Sigal created the nonprofit organization Oral Health, Total Health in 2008. "The primary reason behind founding OHTH was to raise awareness about the issues that persons with special needs face with regard to access to oral care."

Researchers Aim to Improve Dental Health Among Native Canadians

The Record.com – February 28

<http://www.therecord.com/news/local/article/494436--uw-researcher-aims-to-improve-dental-health-among-native-canadians>

First Nations populations in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand have high rates of tooth decay caused by bacteria, which can lead to cavities, abscesses, and tooth loss. To combat childhood dental disease, a Canadian team is developing an intervention program for pregnant First Nations women that in several communities across Ontario and Manitoba that will include dental care and education. Results from their work will be compared with those from Australia and New Zealand, with the plan of developing a model for at-risk populations. One in 3 Aboriginal children in Canada age 3 to 5 have dental caries and approximately half of Native Canadians live on reserves with non-fluoridated water and significant geographic and socio-economic barriers to dental care. Researchers will work with the communities to develop culturally appropriate strategies to teach the importance of early preventive dental care.

Shrek and Friends Make Cereal Taste Better, Kids Say

MedPage Today – March 7

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Pediatrics/GeneralPediatrics/25234>

Seeing Shrek, Dora the Explorer, and other popular animated characters on cereal boxes appears to influence kids' perceptions of how good the cereals taste. A taste-testing study among 80 young children found that those who saw a popular media character on a cereal box liked the cereal's taste more than those who saw a box with no character on it. "Messages encouraging healthy eating may resonate with young children, but the presence of licensed characters on packaging potentially overrides children's assessments of nutritional merit," researchers warn in their [paper](#), published in the *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*. "Not only do appealing and familiar trade and licensed characters manipulate young children's subjective judgments," the researchers conclude, "the resulting heightened preference for food products featuring these characters is likely to contribute to unhealthy eating habits and increased materialism and parent-child conflict."

AWARDS / FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Call for 2011 Jong Award Nominations

In recognition of Anthony Westwater Jong's commitment to community-based dental public health, the American Public Health Association (APHA) Oral Health Section is seeking nominations for the 2011 Pre- and Post-Professional Awards. The awards will be presented at the APHA 139th Annual Meeting and Exposition, October 29–November 2, 2011 in Washington, DC. The Pre-Professional Award recognizes an outstanding community-based research or service project in oral health carried out by a pre-doctoral dental student, a dentist who graduated within 12 months from an ADA-accredited dental school, a dental hygiene student, or a hygienist who graduated from an accredited school of dental hygiene within 12 months. The award provides 2 recipients \$200 cash, a copy of Jong's *Community Dental Health*, a 1-year membership in the APHA Oral Health Section, registration fee for the annual meeting, a plaque, and 2 tickets to attend the Oral Health Section Dinner following the awards ceremony. The Post-Professional Award recognizes an outstanding community-based research or service project in oral health carried out by a dentist, physician, dental hygienist, nurse, nurse practitioner, social worker, or other professional with an interest in oral health who is currently enrolled in an ASPH accredited School of Public Health, a CEPH accredited School of Public Health or Graduate Public Health Program, an ADA-accredited Dental Public Health Program, or a graduate level/university-based program with a significant course of study in public health related courses or has graduated from one of these programs within 12 months. Recipients will receive the same awards as the Pre-Professional recipients, along with hotel expenses (3 nights, up to \$600) and transportation to the Annual Meeting (up to \$300). It is preferred, but not required, that applicants be nominated by a current APHA member. Applicants must submit an application with a description (1500 words or less) of their community-based dental public health research or service project no later than May 13, 2011. Applications should be sent to Anthony Westwater Jong Memorial Award Committee, c/o Wanda G Wright, DDS, MSD, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health and Community Service, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, 1 Kneeland St, Boston, MA 02111. For more information, contact Dr Wright at wanda.wright@tufts.edu. Decisions will be announced by July 1, 2011.

Call for Nominations - John W Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health

Nominations for the 2011 John W Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health are now being accepted by the American Public Health Association (APHA) Oral Health Section. Criteria for the award include: outstanding contributions to improve oral health in the United States; a distinguished career at the local, state, national, or international level in dental public health practice, academia, military, business, or industry; leadership in the profession; significant accomplishments; and past or present APHA membership. Submit one nomination package for the nominee that includes a curriculum vitae or biographical information and letter(s) of recommendation for this award in hardcopy format and electronically to Jane E M Steffensen, MPH, CHES, Chair, Knutson Award Committee, 11634 Whisper Dew St, San Antonio, TX 78230; Steffensen@uthscsa.edu (include Knutson Award Nomination in e-mail subject line). Contact Jane Steffensen at 210-567-5567 or Steffensen@uthscsa.edu for more information. Deadline for submissions is May 18, 2011.

Preventive Oral Health Services Training Initiative for School Based Health Care

The National Assembly on School Based Health Care (NASBHC) is pleased to announce a training and technical assistance initiative to expand the capacity of school-based health centers to deliver preventive oral health services. Successful applicants will participate in a national training at the [2011 National School-Based Health Care Convention](#) in Chicago, as well as receive ongoing support during the 9-month initiative. With generous support from Kaiser Permanente, a small grant award to successful applicants will help cover the cost of training and supplies. Download [NASBHC's Call for Proposals](#) for details on whether your SBHC qualifies for this competitive initiative and for information on how to apply. The application deadline is May 4, 2011.

Solicitation for Best Practices in Family-Centered Care for Pediatrics

<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/downloads/pdfs/MonographPracticeScreen.pdf>

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) are soliciting nominations for best practices in family-centered care by primary care pediatric practices for inclusion in a monograph about family-centered care. As pediatric clinicians strive to implement the medical home model, this monograph will feature practical and replicable strategies on how clinicians and families can partner together to provide optimal care for all children. If selected, physicians, other clinicians, staff and families of selected practices will be invited to participate in phone interviews and practices will be showcased in the monograph as examples of best practices. Direct questions about this project to Dr Rebecca Malouin at rebecca.malouin@ht.msu.edu or 517/884-0453 or Michelle Esquivel at mesquivel@aap.org or 847/434-4989.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

2011 National Medicaid and CHIP Oral Health Symposium

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e3ibbsja19bfb495&llr=bniva8eab>

The 2011 National Medicaid and CHIP Oral Health Symposium: New Directions for Medicaid and CHIP Dental Programs will be held June 27-28, 2011 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC. The symposium will provide an opportunity to learn, share information, network, and address emerging policy issues. The symposium Web site is also open for [online registration](#) and provides additional details. Be sure to take advantage of Early Bird registration rates! The hotel cutoff date is June 1, 2010, so make your [hotel reservations](#) now and be sure to access the discounted group rate.

2011 Webinar Series: Partnering with Patients and Families in the Medical Home

<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/training/cme>

To demonstrate how medical home works in practice, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and National Center for Medical Home Implementation are hosting a free Webinar series for all child health professionals invested in providing family-centered primary care via the medical home model. Each Webinar will be led by recognized experts who will refer to practical tools and quality improvement strategies for implementing medical home in the daily delivery of preventive, acute, and chronic care. Topics to be covered include health care teams, patient population management, complex co-management, provider/family partnership and satisfaction, and cultural and linguistic competency. The remaining Webinar dates are May 10, June 2, and June 28. Registration will be available one month prior to each Webinar.

CDC/ASA Statistical Symposium

<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/cdc/index.cfm>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Statistical Advisory Group in partnership with the American Statistical Association (ASA) is sponsoring the 13th Biennial Symposium on Statistical Methods, to be held May 24-25, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Decatur, GA. Registration is available through May 9, 2011. The theme of the 2011 Symposium is Statistical Applications Using Massive and Emerging Data in Public Health. The symposium will offer invited and oral presentations, poster sessions and a short course. A full day short course will be offered on May 23rd, 2011 in conjunction with the Symposium. This venue will provide statisticians, social and behavioral scientists, epidemiologists, economists, policy analysts, and other health researchers the opportunity to gain knowledge and stimulate further methods development to protect and promote public health. For more information, contact Theresa Ann Sipe at 404/498-0980 or sag@cdc.gov.

New Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Certification Program

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2011/03/prweb5188854.htm>

The Continuing Dental Education division at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A Dugoni School of Dentistry has announced the launch of a new certification program, the Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) course. The program will begin on June 18 and will take place over an 11-month period on weekends at the Dugoni School of Dentistry's campus in San Francisco. The course will satisfy the California Dental Board's requirements for new and existing RDAEFs who wish to expand their licensure in preparation for earning certification in the new extended functions. RDAEFs who complete this program may also complete general oral health assessments in community clinic settings and fit master and accessory cones for endodontic (root canal) procedures. For more information or to enroll, call the Dugoni School of Dentistry's Continuing Dental Education division at 415/929-6485 or visit http://dental.pacific.edu/Continuing_Education.html.

Protecting All Children's Teeth (PACT): A Pediatric Oral Health Training Program

<http://www.aap.org/oralhealth/pact/index.cfm>

Protecting All Children's Teeth (PACT): A Pediatric Oral Health Training Program is a 13-chapter module that aims to educate pediatricians, pediatricians in training, and others interested in infant, child, and adolescent health about the important role oral health plays in the overall health of patients. PACT features topics such as dental development, fluoride, and oral injury and includes interactive tools such as roll-over definitions, chapter photo galleries, and self-assessments. The AAP is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians and designates this educational activity for a maximum of 11.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Users will receive 11.0 CME credits for answering 75% of the PACT Post-Test (42 of 56 questions) correctly. Downloadable [PowerPoint presentations](#) are also available for use in trainings or educational settings.

Symposium on Diabetes and Oral Disease: Implications for Health Professionals

<http://www.nyas.org/Events/Detail.aspx?cid=b6db2562-3ffa-4e5d-ad6f-28d5c5aff7d9>

On May 4, 2011 the New York Academy of Sciences will host this symposium to improve understanding and awareness of current concepts in diabetes epidemiology, pathophysiology and treatment; discuss the need for interprofessional patient management in the care of dental and diabetic patients; and to discuss how to effectively screen and counsel patients on oral health and diabetes risk/management. The conference was organized by the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine and the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Registration open for 2011 ADA Annual Session: The Future of Dentistry Meets Here

<http://www.ada.org/session>

The American Dental Association (ADA) annual session, set for October 10-13, 2011 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, will offer the latest in dental continuing education, products, and services. Those attending will be able to choose from more than 250 unique educational lectures, forums, and hands-on workshops, including the ADA's Education in the Round live patient courses. The ADA World Marketplace Exhibition, scheduled for October 10-12, will give dental professionals a chance to see and test the latest products available and to interact with representatives from more than 500 companies. The American Dental Assistants Association annual session will be held in conjunction with the ADA annual session, with a CE track of courses being presented. Log on to <http://www.ada.org/session> to choose accommodations and continuing education courses, plan shopping at the ADA World Marketplace Exhibition, and register for ADA tours.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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New York Academy of Sciences

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CDC/ASA Statistical Symposium (May 24-25, 2011)

Holiday Inn Conference Center – Decatur, GA

<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/cdc/index.cfm>

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry 64th Annual Session (May 26-29, 2011)

New York City, NY

<http://www.aapd.org/annual>

2011 OSAP Symposium: Bridging the Gap to a Safer Oral Healthcare Environment (June 9-12, 2011)

Marriott Legacy Town Center – Plano, TX

http://www.osap.org/?page=Symp_2011Main1

2011 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Annual Conference (June 12-16, 2011)

Pittsburgh, PA

<http://www.cste.org/conference/ConferenceHomepage/tabid/426/Default.aspx>

2011 National Medicaid and CHIP Oral Health Symposium (June 27-28, 2011)

Washington Marriott Wardman Park – Washington, DC

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e3ibbsja19bfb495&llr=bniva8eab>

ADA Evidence-Based Dentistry Champions Conference (July 28-30, 2011)

ADA Headquarters – Chicago, IL

<http://www.ada.org/ebdconference>

AAP Future of Pediatrics Conference (July 29-31, 2011)

Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park – Chicago, IL

<http://www.pedialink.org/cmefinder/index.cfm>

FDI World Dental Congress (September 14-17, 2011)

Mexico City, Mexico

<http://www.fdi2011.org>

2011 ADA Annual Session: The Future of Dentistry Meets Here (October 10-13, 2011)

Mandalay Bay Convention Center – Las Vegas, NV

<http://www.ada.org/session>

AAP National Conference & Exhibition (October 15-18, 2011)

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center – Boston, MA

<http://www.aapexperience.org>

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (October 29 – November 2, 2011)

Washington, DC

<http://www.apha.org/meetings>

2011 HDA 19th Annual Meeting (November 3 - 5, 2011)

http://www.hdassoc.org/site/epage/25547_351.htm

Mission Bay Hilton Resort & Spa – San Diego, CA

Fifth International Congress on 3-D Dental Imaging (November 4-5, 2011)

Gaylord Texan – Dallas, TX

<http://www.i-cat3d.com/congress2011/index.html>

RESOURCES

Advancing Oral Health in America: New Report from the IOM

<http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2011/Advancing-Oral-Health-in-America.aspx>

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) has released “Advancing Oral Health in America,” which emphasizes the inextricable link between a person’s oral health and overall health. The IOM outlines several timely recommendations to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), such as integrating oral health with primary care, promoting evidence-based preventive services, improving oral health literacy, and enhancing oral health care delivery, particularly in underserved areas. The IOM recommends that HHS design an oral health initiative consistent with IOM’s proposed set of organizing principles, which are based on the areas in greatest need of attention and on the approaches that have the most potential for creating improvements. In addition, the IOM stresses 3 key areas needed for successfully maintaining oral health as a priority issue: strong leadership, sustained interest, and the involvement of multiple stakeholders.

ASTDD and CDC Announce Availability of New Children’s Oral Health Data

<http://www.cdc.gov/nohss>

New children’s data on prevalence of dental caries, untreated dental caries, and sealant prevalence has been posted to the National Oral Health Surveillance System (NOHSS), a collaborative surveillance system provided by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This release includes data submitted by 13 states that conducted recent Basic Screening Surveys. A total of 11 states now have 2 or more years of available data, permitting tracking of trends in children’s oral health over time. Among the highlights of this release are increases in the prevalence of dental sealants in 4 of these states. Currently, 42 states provide data on the 3 NOHSS indicators for third-grade schoolchildren (prevalence of dental caries, untreated dental caries, and sealant prevalence).

County Health Rankings Highlights Healthiest and Least Healthy Counties In Every State

<http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/latest-news/press-release-annual-health-check-highlights-healthiest-and-least-healthy-counties-every>

A new set of reports rank the health of nearly every county in the nation and show that much of what affects health occurs outside of the doctor’s office. For the second year, the *County Health Rankings* confirm the critical role that factors such as education, jobs, income, and environment play in how healthy people are and how long they live. Published on-line at <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org> by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the *Rankings* help counties understand what influences how healthy residents are and how long they will live. The *Rankings* look at a variety of measures that affect health such as access to healthier foods, air pollution levels, income, and rates of smoking, obesity, and teen births and measures the overall health of each county on multiple factors that influence health. Snapshots of almost every county are included, along with a color-coded map that compares each county’s overall health with other counties in the 50 states.

Early Childhood Caries in American Indian and Alaska Native Children Resources Available

<http://www.ada.org/5154.aspx>

Summary report and presentations are available for the 2010 Symposium on Early Childhood Caries in American Indian and Alaska Native Children. The symposium, co-hosted by the ADA and the AAP with support from Oral Health America and DentaQuest Foundation, brought together a group of the most experienced caries researchers in the United States to review the science of prevention of caries in the primary dentition, identify gaps in current understanding of this disease, and formulate strategies to close these gaps.

Fluoride Legislative User Information Database

<http://www.fluidlaw.org>

The Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP) has announced the release of the Fluoride Legislative User Information Database ("FLUID"), the first publicly available database on the legal status of community water fluoridation in the United States. FLUID is a comprehensive online compilation of court decisions, laws, and policies related to community water fluoridation and contains information from all 50 states and US territories. It was designed to be an easy-to-use tool that states and municipalities can use to research and compare their current or proposed policies with others across the country and make informed decisions based on legal information. For more information, contact Colin Pekruhn, CDHP Senior Policy Analyst at cpekruhn@cdhp.org.

New Resources From the ADA Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry

<http://ebd.ada.org/ClinicalRecommendations.aspx>

Evidence-based clinical recommendations are developed by the ADA through comprehensive evaluation of published scientific evidence on a particular topic to provide practical applications of scientific information. "Chairside guides" have been developed to enhance the incorporation of science with a dentist's clinical expertise and the patient's treatment needs and preferences. Currently, 5 published recommendations and chairside guides are available online: Fluoride Supplements, Reconstituting Infant Formula and Fluoride, Screening for Oral Cancer, Sealants, and Topical Fluoride.

New Resources from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

In January, the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry hosted "A Workshop for Future Employers of Dental Therapists". The workshop featured members of the Minnesota Board of Dentistry who explained legislation and its implementation, the director of the Dental Therapy Program who explained the educational process, and a panel of dental therapy students. The [2-hour program](#) is available online, and the PowerPoint presentations are at http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/programs_admissions/DentalTherapyPrograms/home.html.

New Resources on Mobile Dental Services

http://www.astdd.org/www/docs/Mobile-Portable_ASTDD_Issue_Brief_final_2.29.2011.pdf

The ASTDD has released *Mobile and Portable Dental Services in Preschool and School Settings: Complex Issues* in response to continuing questions from dental professionals, policymakers, and school personnel about use of mobile vans and portable dental equipment to provide onsite services in preschools and K-12 schools. The document explores underlying issues for using mobile or portable dental care systems in school settings, provides examples from communities and states, lists resources for those looking to start or expand programs, and suggests recommendations for action and further research. The online [Mobile Portable Dental Manual](#) has also been updated with new resources, links to programs, and site assessment and infection control checklists from OSAP. The Web site contains 5 chapters of information that has helped many communities start, expand, and evaluate mobile and portable dental care models. Suggestions for further additions to the manual should be directed to bev.isman@comcast.net or submitted online using the feedback form included in the manual.

New Resources on Special Health Care Needs for Providers and Caregivers

http://dental.washington.edu/departments/omed/decod/special_needs_facts.php

The University of Washington School of Dentistry has developed fact sheets for 14 mild to moderate manifestations of special needs conditions. The fact sheets, for dental professionals, medical professionals, and parents and caregivers, provide a quick overview of the conditions, list the drugs frequently used by individuals with these conditions, and address the impact these drugs may have on oral health. There are also suggestions for working with this population to improve clinical outcomes, increase professional comfort, and engage parents and other caregivers in the oral health of these children.

NIDCR Launches New Homepage

<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov>

The updated home page for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) Web site provides faster access to science news, researcher interviews, funding opportunities, and popular oral health

publications. Features include fly-out menus in the top navigation to help users quickly accomplish key tasks, an image gallery, and a toolbar that highlights NIDCR's social media presence. The A-Z index is also higher up on the page where visitors can more readily find it.

NIDCR Supplement to the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jphd.2011.71.issue-s1/issuetoc>

This special issue highlights areas that are crucial to high quality behavioral and social intervention research. This tool will be valuable in developing research proposals, enhancing existing intervention research studies, and making today's intervention studies more informative for the next generation of research. Access to the supplement is free for the first year of publication.

Resources from the OHRC

The National Maternal & Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) offers a variety of resources to promote children's oral health. [Oral Health Resource Bulletin: Volume XXIV](#) lists oral health resources available for health professionals, program administrators, policymakers, and educators in the maternal and child health community and includes sections on data, national programs, policy, public education, state and local programs, and professional education, tools, and training. The [Oral Health for Infants, Children, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women: Knowledge Path](#) details current, high-quality resources that analyze data, describe effective programs, and report on policy and research. The OHRC [consumer brochures](#) have been revised, including all 3 titles in Spanish, and can be [ordered online](#). New features on the OHRC Web site include [Resource Highlights](#) and the Knowledge Path, which are now in the left navigation bar for one-click visiting.

Updates to the Catalog of Surveys and Archive of Procedures Related to Oral Health

<http://drc.hhs.gov/catalog.htm>

The March 2011 release of the *Catalog of Surveys and Archive of Procedures Related to Oral Health* is available on the Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center Web site. This release contains new survey entries along with updated survey information of entries already in the catalog. The calendars of oral health related organizations and their conferences/meetings have also been updated to include location, date, abstract submission information, and related Web sites. These documents were updated in March and will continue to be updated quarterly. To view the updated calendars, go to <http://drc.hhs.gov/2011meeting.htm> or <http://drc.hhs.gov/2012meeting.htm>.

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- *Clinical Evaluation of the Accuracy of Conventional Radiography and Apex Locators in Primary Teeth*
- *Dental Erosion in a Group of 12- and 16-year-old Brazilian Schoolchildren*
- *Unmet Dental Needs and Barriers to Care for Children with Significant Special Health Care Needs*
- *Effect of high-fluoride toothpaste and no post-brushing water rinsing on enamel demineralization*
- *Efficacy of a Novel Pacifier in the Prevention of Anterior Open Bite*
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- *The Safe Environment for Every Kid Model: Impact on Pediatric Primary Care Professionals*
- *The Medical Home: Health Care Access and Impact for Children and Youth in the United States*

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<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/vol127/issue3/index.dtl>

- *Microbiology and Antibiotic Management of Orbital Cellulitis*
- *Effectiveness of Preventive Dental Treatments by Physicians for Young Medicaid Enrollees*
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[http://www.epediatricnews.com/issues/contents?issue_key=S0031-398X\(11\)X7002-9](http://www.epediatricnews.com/issues/contents?issue_key=S0031-398X(11)X7002-9)

- *Troubles With Teething*

RDH Magazine (Vol 31, Issue 2, Feb 2011)

<http://www.rdhmag.com/index/current-issue/rdh/volume-31/issue-2.html>

- *Sealing the Underserved*
- *Pew Children's Dental Campaign*

ONLINE NEWSLETTERS

ADA News Daily (Apr 2011)

<http://www.ada.org/news/news.aspx>

- *US Army Offers Civilian Dental Opportunities*
- *IOM Panel Calls for New Oral Health Initiative*
- *Association Commends US Negotiating Language on Dental Amalgam*
- *Vermont State Dental Society Fights Governor's Proposed Tax on Dental Services*
- *ADA Center for EBD, Forsyth Institute to Offer Advanced Interactive Course*
- *Creighton Hosts Pre-Dental Summer Enrichment Program for Native American Students*
- *Coalition Tells IRS New Tax Should Not Apply to Dental Devices*
- *ADA in Coalition That Urges Major League Baseball to Go Tobacco Free*

HDA News and Reports – Hispanic Dental Association (Spring 2011)

http://www.hdassoc.org/site/epage/32799_351.htm

- *Give Kids a Smile ADA Foundation Grant Report*
- *As the Hispanic Population Grows So Too Will HDA's Voice*
- *History of the PEARL Network with the Hispanic Dental Association*
- *CAN DO Counters Early Childhood Caries Trend*

Medical Homes@Work E-newsletter (Apr 2011)

<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/about/newsletter/>

- *Community Grants Program Releases Call for Proposals*
- *AAP Future of Pediatrics Conference*
- *National Quality Strategy Will Promote Better Health, Quality Care for Americans*
- *Community Centered Health Homes: Bridging the Gap Between Health Services and Community Prevention*

MCH Alert – Maternal & Child Health Library (Apr 1, 2011)

<http://www.mchlibrary.info/alert/2011/alert040111.html>

- *Analyses Address the Extent to Which All Children Have a Medical Home*

MCH Alert – Maternal & Child Health Library (Mar 4, 2011)

<http://www.mchlibrary.info/alert/2011/alert030411.html>

- *Authors Analyze Relationship Between Students' Oral Health and Their School Attendance and Performance*

News from NIDCR – National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (Apr 8, 2011)

<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/NewsAndFeatures/ENewsletters/CurrentNews>

- *NIDCR Supplement to the Journal of Public Health Dentistry*
- *NIDCR Launches New Homepage*
- *Summer Institute on mHealth*
- *Detecting Early Tooth Decay*

Oral Health Alert: Focus on Head Start (Mar 2011)

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/alert/2011/ohalert0311.html>

- *Innovative State Practices for Improving the Provision of Medicaid Dental Services: Summary of Eight State Reports -- Alabama, Arizona, Maryland, Nebraska, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Texas, and Virginia*
- *Mobile and Portable Dental Services in Preschool and School Settings: Complex Issues*
- *Strategies to Improve Collaboration Between State Oral Health Programs and Health Center Oral Health Programs*
- *Assessing the Relationship Between Children's Oral Health Status and That of Their Mothers*
- *Oral Health Content of Early Education and Child Care Regulations and Standards*
- *Referrals for Dental Care During Pregnancy*

Oral Health Alert: Focus on Head Start (Feb 2011)

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/alert/2011/ohalert0211.html>

- *Early Childhood Oral Health: Primary Care Providers—What You Need to Know About Fluoride Varnish and How You Can Promote Early Childhood Oral Health*
- *Oral Health for Infants, Children, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women: Knowledge Path*
- *Oral Health Resource Bulletin: Volume XXIV—January 2011*

- Oral Health Screening Online Module
- Raising the Momentum Through Continuity of Care: Finding Dental Homes for America's Children

The Bellweather (Feb 2011)

http://aacdp.com/docs/Newsletter_Issue6.pdf

- AACDP Endorses Alaska's Dental Health Aide Therapist Evaluation
- New Recommendations on Fluoridation from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Environmental Protection Agency
- Cultural Competency e-Learning Program Initiative

OPPORTUNITIES



PedJobs is the electronic recruitment resource for pediatrics. View available jobs or post a resume. PedJobs is found online at: <http://jobs.pedjobs.org/>.

National Listings

Indian Health Service

<http://www.dentist.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=vacancies>

Indian Health Service (IHS) has vacancies in facilities large and small in some of the most beautiful areas of the United States. Whether you choose the Commissioned Corps, Civil Service, or direct Tribal hire career path, IHS has a position that will meet your specific needs for opportunity, adventure, and purpose.

National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) Job Listings

http://nnohajobbank.com/NNOHA%20Logon/Job_List.aspx

The NNOHA Web site lists health center dental openings throughout the United States.

Permanent and Locum Tenens Jobs

http://www.nejmjobs.org/?lt=doc_reb_0510_top

Search the New England Journal of Medicine's CareerCenter for both permanent and locum tenens jobs within the United States. Apply online and set up e-mail alerts to have jobs automatically sent to you. Also available is a Resource Center that addresses trends in compensation, employment contracts, and more.

State Listings

IL—Chief of the Division of Oral Health (Illinois Department of Public Health)

This position oversees the administrative functions of the division and provides oversight for development of the state's oral health strategic plan, the preparation of grant applications, and advice and consultation to local jurisdictions about dental initiatives. Qualified applicants must have at minimum a license to practice as a dentist in the United States or Canada; 3 years of progressively responsible administrative experience in a public health organization; knowledge, skills, and mental development equivalent to completion of 4 years of college, preferably with courses in business and public administration; effective written and oral communications skills; and strong interpersonal skills. A Master of Public Health is highly desirable. The salary range for this position is \$4,295 - \$10,093 per month. Interested individuals should send a [completed Illinois employment application \(CMS-100\) form](#) to Central Management Services (CMS), Capitol City Center, 130 W Mason St, 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62702. When completing the employment application, be sure to indicate the position title along with the county of choice. Questions should be directed to Sarah Hagaman at 217/782-1230.

Decatur, IL—Director and Dentistry Positions, Public Health Dental Clinic (Macon County Health Department)

The Macon County Health Department is recruiting a Dental Director for its 6-chair public health dental clinic. Full time is preferred; however, part-time applicants will also be considered. Applications are also being accepted from persons interested in dentistry without supervisory duties. Salary is negotiable, and county benefits are available for full-time positions. Inquiries should be directed to Julie A Aubert, BS, CPHA at 217/423-6988, ext 1105, or jaubert@maconcountyhealth.org.

Portland, OR—*Assistant or Associate Professor of Community Dentistry (Oregon Health & Science University)*
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The Department of Community Dentistry, Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Dentistry invites applications for a full-time position available at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. The successful candidate must have completed advanced education in community and/or public health. Preference will be given to candidates who have previous teaching experience and/or a record of externally funded research activities and maintain an active research and service portfolio. Preference will also be given to applicants with a DDS/DMD degree and/or PhD and/or eligibility for an Oregon dental license. Clinical practice within the university or at an affiliated community dental health clinic is available. For more information, contact Dr Eli Schwarz at 503/494-7603 or schwarz@ohsu.edu. This position is open until filled. Start date is negotiable, as early as July 1, 2011. Applicants should apply online.

Washington, DC—*Senior Associate (Pew Children's Dental Health Campaign)*

<https://jobs-pct.icims.com/jobs/2417/job>

The Pew Children's Dental Health Campaign is seeking a creative senior associate to write, edit, and research the materials that support its federal and state campaigns, the Pew Web site, and may be used by state advocacy partners. The successful candidate will have a minimum of 4 years relevant experience with strong analytical and research skills, including experience in health policy or a related field. The position requires a bachelor's degree; an advanced degree in public policy, law, public health, or other relevant discipline is preferred. Access the online listing for more information about the position, including how to apply.

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