

Oral Health – Fluoride Varnish: Quality Improvement Project

Partners For Kids Quality Improvement (QI) Coaching Program offers a QI project aimed at helping your practice address the oral health needs of your patients and help prevent the development of serious dental problems including caries and abscesses. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures' guidelines, children should have fluoride varnish (FV) application performed every 6 months from the time of tooth eruption to 6 years of age. While this can be performed at the dentist's office, many of your patients may not be routinely seeing a dentist, so the doctor's office represents an ideal setting for patients to receive this preventive dental care.

The primary outcome measure for this QI project is the proportion of children eligible for FV application who receive routine FV application at well care visits.

Resources available to support the QI project:

- Support from PFK QI staff to develop operational processes for the provision of fluoride varnish in the clinic
- Access to training for office staff and healthcare providers on fluoride varnish application

For more information about PFK QI projects, please contact PFK QI Coaching at PFKQICoaching@NationwideChildrens.org