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2016 DPH Board Review Course

The Board Review Course for the Dental Public Health specialty certifying examination will be conducted this year from Sunday, November 13, 2016, through Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

The course will be held at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Faculty include Drs. Chester Douglass, Gary Rozier, Jane Weintraub, and Alex White. There is no cost to attend the course other than hotel, food, and travel expenses.

To register or if you have questions, please send an email to alex_white@unc.edu.

The American Association of Public Health Dentistry Joins World Cavity-Free Future Day in US Marking Commitment to Helping Fight Cavities

Global campaign stresses importance of brushing twice a day for two minutes and reducing sugar intake

- Today the [American Association of Public Health Dentistry](http://www.aaphd.org) (AAPHD) joins a growing global community of organizations, stakeholders and partners as an official sponsor of World Cavity-Free Future Day, a day initiated to spread awareness and engage communities around the world in the global fight against dental caries (the disease which leads to cavities). Worldwide, between 60-90% of school children and nearly 100% of adults have dental caries.

In addition to [AAPHD](http://www.aaphd.org), other organizations involved include the global *Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future (ACFF)*, Colgate-Palmolive and other local partners, who believe that collectively we can significantly decrease the burden of cavities in communities and help secure a cavity-free future for future generations. World Cavity-Free Future Day seeks to engage communities across the globe with events varying from community outreach events, free oral care consultations, professional webinars and school-based education efforts, among others.

Tooth decay has been a growing concern, particularly with the increase in global sugar consumption. Partners and experts who have joined World Cavity-Free Future Day believe that a good starting place for cavity reduction is focusing on the importance of brushing twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste for two minutes and reducing sugar intake. In addition, organizations like the WHO have issued guidance on how best to limit sugar intake and a growing number of organizations are looking at ways to increase oral health education and hygiene efforts across the globe. Some of these efforts have included developing new tools to help dentists assess cavity risk to treat the disease in the early stages when it might still be reversible, ensuring dental schools have updated curricula, and assessing new tools and technologies to help limit the impact of sugar acids on teeth.

"Given the high prevalence of dental decay among certain populations in the US, World Cavity-Free Future Day highlights the building of a strong advocacy network of patients, dental and other health professionals, families, public policy experts, and other stakeholders committed to fighting cavities today and every day," said Nigel Pitts, Global Chair, *Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future*. "Let World Cavity-Free Future Day be our call to action and our commitment to working together to improve the lives of thousands of children and adults around the world."

For those interested in finding resources on cavity prevention, more information can be found at www.allianceforacavityfreefuture.org

Oral Health Integration Implementation Guide publication announcement

Learn how primary care teams can improve their patients' oral health and get the tools needed to deliver whole-person care.

About the Publication

Oral disease is a serious problem for Americans of all ages. We need new strategies to combat it.

Primary care teams have the skills necessary to understand and intervene in the oral disease process; the relationships needed to engage patients and families in oral health self-care; and a structure for coordinating referrals to dentistry and supporting patients during transitions of care.

A free resource from the Safety Net Medical Home Initiative Resource Library, the [Oral Health Integration Implementation Guide](#), provides clear instructions for integrating oral health into a primary care practice, and includes 22 tools developed in partnership with 19 field-testing sites over the last 20 months. The guide:

- Provides a practical, tool-rich resource, filled with sample workflows, case examples, and sustainability strategies;
- Presents the Oral Health Delivery Framework - five actions primary care teams can take to protect and promote oral health;
- Offers a practical model for enhancing partnerships between primary care and dentistry;
- Explores challenges encountered by field-testing sites and the solutions they developed.

Read and download:

- [Executive Summary](#)
- [Oral Health Integration Implementation Guide](#)
- [Field-Testing Results and Case Examples](#)
- [Annotated Oral Health Integration Toolset](#)

Watch and share a promotional [video](#) (2 min)

Over 13,000 patients were given an oral health screening assessment during the 20 months of field-testing. "You see all these children with caries or crowns...Initially, we didn't know what to do about it, but now we have something we can actually do to address it." Nandini Sengupta, MD, Dimock Community Health Center, Roxbury, MA.

The Oral Health Integration Implementation Guide builds upon the work published in [Oral Health: An Essential Component of Primary Care](#) in June 2015.

About the Project

The Oral Health Integration in Primary Care Project was sponsored by the National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health, a consortium of funders and health professionals who share a vision that dental disease can be eradicated, and funded by the DentaQuest Foundation, the REACH Healthcare Foundation, and the Washington Dental Service Foundation.

Please contact us with questions or comments at transformation@qualishealth.org.

Students to Service Application Deadline Extended

It's not too late!

Complete and submit your application before the extended deadline of **October 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. ET**

The [National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\) Students to Service Loan Repayment Program](#) (S2S LRP) provides up to \$120,000 to medical (MD and DO) or dental (DDS or DMD) students in their final year of school in return for a commitment to provide primary health care full time for at least 3 years at an approved NHSC site in a Health Professional Shortage Area of greatest need.

Save the Date: CDC to Release New *Vital Signs* Report on Dental Sealants

Ways you can participate

On October 18, 2016, CDC will release a report about dental sealants, emphasizing how these shields against cavities are extremely effective, yet underutilized, particularly among low-income children.

Dental cavities are one of the most common chronic conditions among children and teens. Left untreated, cavities can cause pain and infection and problems in eating, speaking, and learning. Dental sealants, a simple coating painted on the back teeth, prevent 80% of cavities in the teeth where 9 in 10 cavities occur. Yet, the majority of children still don't have them. School-based sealant programs are a strongly recommended way to provide children with access to sealants. When targeted to children at high risk for cavities, these programs can be cost-saving.

What can you do to help more children gain access to the preventive benefits of dental sealants? CDC is offering several opportunities where you can learn more about CDC's new Vital Signs report and discover how you can help.

1. Read and share new *Vital Signs* materials when they are released.

- Look for CDC's new *Vital Signs* materials on Tuesday, October 18, at 2 PM EDT at www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns.

2. Participate in the conversation via your social media channels.

- Share your stories about how you and your partners use sealants to prevent cavities in children using the hashtag #VitalSigns.
- Repost CDC social media about dental sealants - look for it on @cdcgov and www.facebook.com/cdc.

3. Learn how other state health departments have expanded the reach of their sealant programs by joining the Vital Signs Town Hall.

- *Vital Signs* Town Hall: *School Sealant Programs: Providing a Shield Against Tooth Decay* -Tuesday, October 25, at 2 PM EDT.

Conference Line (U.S. only): 800-857-0764
Passcode: 795-4413