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Fluoride Varnish Mini-Summit

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Dental Decay in Children (age 0-5)

- National Increase in Dental Decay in Children under Five
- Estimated 28% of Kansas Head Start Kids Have Dental Decay
- 55% of Kansas Children have Already Experienced Dental Decay by Third Grade
- How Do We Reach these Kids?



Oral Health Care for Young Kids

- Dentists Rarely See Kids Under Five
- In 2006, almost 100,000 kids aged five and under were eligible for Medicaid.
- Kansas Medicaid Children's Benefits Include a Full Dental Benefit but....
 - Only 24% received any type of dental service
 - Only 5% of Children Age 2 and under received any type of dental service



Reaching The Population

- Educate Dental Professionals about Treating Young Patients
- Encouraging Medical Providers to do Oral Health Screenings and Preventive Procedures
 - Educate Providers about Oral Health
 - “Lift the Lip”
 - Fluoride Varnish Application

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Fluoride Varnish and Medicaid Reimbursement

- KanBe Healthy Exams
- Reimburse Medicaid Medical Providers for Fluoride Varnish Applications (D1203)
- Dental Providers get Three Applications
- Medical Providers get Three Applications
- Kansas Joins 20 States who Reimburse Medical Providers for Fluoride Varnish



Today's Panel

- Dr. Paul Kittle - Early Childhood Caries, Caries Risk Assessments and the Efficacy and Use of Fluoride Varnish
- Maggie Smet, RDH and Lisa House RDH– The Office of Oral Health's Fluoride Varnish Outreach Project



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