

Oral Health Week

Links to the webinars held Oct 7 – Oct 11, 2013



Good oral health is an important part of good overall health and general well-being. New York has made great progress in reducing dental diseases and conditions through important prevention measures and innovative community strategies, yet there is more to be done. During the week of October 7 – October 11, 2013, SCAA and partners held a series of webinars on oral health topics for a wide variety of community partners, oral health and medical practitioners and health departments about new initiatives, best practices and the latest research on oral health.

Sponsored by the Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy (SCAA), the NYS Department of Health and the NYS Oral Health Coalition. Planning committee: NYS Oral Health Technical Assistance Center, Dental Hygienist Association of the State of NY, NYS Dental Foundation, Hudson Mohawk AHEC, Westchester Children’s Association, and NYS Council on Children and Families.

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	Monday, Oct 7	Tuesday, Oct 8	Wednesday, Oct 9	Thursday, Oct 10	Friday, Oct 11
8:30–9:30 am	<p><u>Oral Health Care in Underserved Areas</u></p> <p>In this pre-recorded video, practitioners from the Family Health Center of Harlem, Morris Heights Health Center in the Bronx share their experiences about practicing and providing care to vulnerable populations. Representatives from the NYS DOH and HRSA will also discuss incentive programs and workforce data.</p> <p>43 min.</p>	<p><u>Update on Water Fluoridation Levels</u></p> <p>The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be recommending a level of 0.7 mg/L of fluoride in water; this will replace the current range of 0.7-1.2mg/L. This webinar will focus on the reasons for the proposed HHS recommendation and the resources available to communicate this change.</p> <p>Speakers: John Helmeset, NYSDOH; Erin Knoerl, NYSDOH</p> <p>33 min.</p>	<p><u>Dental in the Affordable Care Act and the Launch of the New York State of Health</u></p> <p>The Marketplace for health insurance options opens on October 1. This session will explain what is in the Affordable Care Act for pediatric dental benefits and provide resources and information about New York State of Health: New York’s health insurance marketplace which opens October 1.</p> <p>Speakers: Colin Reusch, Children’s Dental Health Project; Kate Breslin, Schuyler Center; Sherry Tomasky, New York State of Health</p> <p>32 min.</p>	<p><u>Best Practices for Pregnant Women and Early Childhood</u></p> <p>What can we do to help improve the oral health of children and pregnant women in our community? How can we engage to meet the oral health challenges of our most vulnerable populations? Please join us for a webinar examining best practices for the promotion of children’s and women’s oral health across New York State.</p> <p>Speakers: Melinda Clark, MD, Albany Medical Center; Stephen Kerpen, DDS, MPH</p> <p>45 min.</p>	<p><u>Dentists’ Responsibilities Caring for Patients with Special Needs and the First Visit</u></p> <p>The presentation will cover a dentist’s professional responsibility in caring for patients with special needs especially in relation to the Americans with Disabilities Act. It will also focus on the preparation for and what to do during the all-important first visit with a special needs patient that will help set the stage for a successful doctor/patient relationship.</p> <p>Speakers: Carl Tegtmeier, DDS</p> <p>28 min.</p>

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12:00–1:00 pm	<p><u>Increasing the Dental Workforce in Underserved and Underrepresented Populations</u></p> <p>Danise Wilson, Sr. Program Manager, NYS AHEC System will provide an overview of the purpose, process and outcomes of the three year initiative to address dental workforce shortages in New York by focusing on recruitment and exposure to dental residents and students.</p> <p>Speaker: Danise Wilson, NYS Area Health Education System (AHEC)</p> <p>27 min.</p>	<p><u>The Challenges of Community Water Fluoridation</u></p> <p>Several communities in New York State have considered starting or stopping fluoridation over the last few years. In this webinar, two fluoridation champions will share their experience when the practice of community water fluoridation was challenged in their community.</p> <p>Speakers: Tom Curran, DDS, Carl Tegtmeier, DDS</p> <p>40 min.</p>	<p><u>Prevention Agenda 2013-2017: Making New York the Healthiest State</u></p> <p>Sylvia Pirani, Director Office of Public Health Practice, NYS DOH will describe the state's Prevention Agenda its five priority areas and how local health departments, hospitals and other community partners are working together to identify and take action on local public health priorities. The Prevention Agenda includes oral health as a focus area.</p> <p>Speaker: Sylvia Pirani, MPH, NYSDOH</p> <p>28 min.</p>	<p><u>Addressing Dental Disease in Early Childhood Programs</u></p> <p>Dental caries or tooth decay remains the most common chronic childhood disease. In this webinar we will discuss early childhood caries: what it is, risk factors associated with it, prevention strategies, and available resources.</p> <p>Speaker: Anne Varcasio, RDH, NYSDOH</p> <p>24 min.</p>	<p><u>Improving Oral Health Literacy to Reduce Oral Disease in Young Children</u></p> <p>New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) will present on the Agency's reoriented oral health framework and most recent public education campaign targeting childhood caries. Learn about a campaign geared to improve the public's oral health literacy and the role of self-care and preventive interventions for caries risk reduction for young children.</p> <p>Speakers: Tanya Shah and Ramneet Kalra, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p> <p>25 min.</p>
4:00–5:00 pm	<p><u>The Relationship Between Oral Health Workforce and Access to Oral Health Services</u></p> <p>Despite efforts to improve the oral health of the population, oral health disparities persist, particularly for the underserved, including the poor, children, people with special needs and the elderly. This webinar describes what we know about New York's oral health workforce, examines available evidence of access barriers to oral health services and identifies strategies, including workforce innovations aimed at reducing oral health disparities.</p> <p>Speaker: Jean Moore, Center for Health Workforce Studies, SUNY Albany</p> <p>(currently unavailable)</p>	<p><u>Life is Better with Teeth</u></p> <p>The Pew Children's Dental Campaign, an initiative of the Pew Charitable Trusts, will give a national perspective on the status of water fluoridation and efforts to protect and expand the practice around the country. Pew will discuss the Campaign for Dental Health, a coalition of over 40 national organizations dedicated to preserving and expanding access to community water fluoridation.</p> <p>Speakers: Catherine Patterson and Kristen Mizzi, Pew Charitable Trust</p> <p>25 min.</p>	<p><u>Where are all the data?</u></p> <p>This tutorial will walk you through how to get oral health data on the state and national level so you can have the latest information when you need it. There will also be a presentation on using the Kids Well-Being Indicator (KWIC), designed by the NYS Council on Children and Families. The population indicators on KWIC provide a glimpse into the well-being status of children and families in NY. You can compare data over time, create custom regions for your coalition's geography, and print out graphs & tables for use in reports and grant proposals.</p> <p>Speaker: Barbara Greenburg, NYSDOH</p> <p>29 min.</p>	<p><u>The Dental Home Initiative Through the Affordable Care Act</u></p> <p>Soon many more children will have access to dental care. These are the children of hard working parents, and they deserve a chance to have a dental home. We would like to present our thoughts on how a private practice can open their doors to these children with benefit to all.</p> <p>Speaker: David Schirmer, DDS</p> <p>45 min.</p>	