Integration of Dental Hygienist Into Primary Care

Opportunity

Caries Experience in Wisconsin Head Start

- 38% 5 years of age
- 48% 4 years of age
- 36% 3 years of age

Leveraging the Well Child Visit

According to the AAP, children visit a medical provider 10 times between the ages of 6 months and 5 years old.

3 in 5 Wisconsin children that visited their physician did not receive any dental care or services.

Services Provided

- Screening & education
- Fluoride application
- Cleaning & sealants
- Care coordination to dental home

New Medical Team Member

Dental Hygienist

Integration

Early and often access to preventive dental services = reduction of early childhood caries

- 16% Reduction in early childhood caries prevalence
- 28% Reduction in untreated early childhood caries

Cost-Savings of Fluoride Varnish Application

- 17% Reduction in Medicaid claims for future caries treatment

Impact

References

