



Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update December 2018

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Save the Date: November 7, 2019 Virginia Oral Health Summit

Mark your calendars for the **2019 Virginia Oral Health Summit** on **November 7!** Keep an eye on our [Oral Health Summit page](#) for more information.

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Take Part in Maternal and Child Health Needs

Top Resources of 2018

2018 was a busy for Virginia, with big changes and accomplishments! To close out the year, we're sharing our top resources from 2018:

[Provider FAQs on CCC+ and Medallion](#)

Did you know many of the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) providing medical care under Medicaid offer enhanced dental benefits? These FAQs share information on billing and dental services covered by MCOs in CCC+ and Medallion.

[Fluoride Varnish Billing Information](#)

In Virginia, medical providers can bill for fluoride varnish. This resource shares billing information and codes with providers.

[Virginia Oral Health Summit Presentation Recordings](#)

This year's Virginia Oral Health Summit featured topics ranging from health equity to water fluoridation in Virginia; recordings and slides are all available on our website.

We look forward to a great 2019, filled with more opportunities to improve access to comprehensive health care for all Virginians!

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Take Part in Surgeon General's Oral Health Report

Assessment Survey

The Virginia Department of Health is conducting a statewide Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment, and your response is needed! The survey only takes 5-10 minutes and is an opportunity to share your input on maternal and child health priorities.

[Take the Survey](#)

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On the Blog

| [VCU ISHCN Guest Blog](#): VCU Pediatric Dental Resident Cole Staines discusses the **barriers to oral health care for adults with special health care needs** and how you can support patients with special needs.

| [Year in Review Blog](#): 2018 was a big year! Take a look back at the successes from 2018.

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Upcoming VaOHC Meetings

View our online
[Event Calendar](#)

January 9 | Video Conference
[South Hampton Roads Oral Health Alliance - Safety Net Conference Call](#)

January 11-12 | Danville
[Special Needs Dentistry - You Can Do It!](#)

Planning

In 2000, the Surgeon General released its [Report on Oral Health](#). This seminal report shaped our work and served as the base for the incredible innovations happening in oral health. Now, nearly 20 years later, the Surgeon General is creating a new, updated *Report on Oral Health* to reflect the changes that have taken place. Join health advocates around the country for a free webinar on January 10 at 12:00 p.m. EST to hear about the status of the new report, and learn more about the process for submitting written comments regarding the report by **January 25**. Register for the webinar and learn more about submitting comments [here](#).

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Of Interest

Oral Health and Overall Health

Oral health and overall health are fundamentally intertwined. The following links present current information on how oral health and other social factors impact overall health and well-being.

- [Exercise and dental health are interlinked](#) (Dr. Biscupid)
 - [Tooth lose in postmenopausal women linked to hypertension](#) (Business Standard)
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Listen to VaOHC's Policy Webinar Recording



Miss our webinar on the Governor's budget and our 2019 policy priorities? Listen

back to the recording here. Check out our [Legislative Action Day](#) page to learn more about the upcoming annual event on **January 30**.

New Fact Sheet Highlights Importance

January 22 | Fairfax

[Northern Virginia Oral Health Alliance Joint Workgroup Meeting](#)

January 25-26 | Richmond
[Special Needs Dentistry - You Can Do It!](#)

January 29 | Richmond
[Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance-Safety Net Workgroup Meeting](#)

January 30 | Richmond
[Legislative Action Day](#)

January 31 | Richmond
[Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance- School Age Workgroup Meeting](#)

February 22-23 | Springfield
[Special Needs Dentistry - You Can Do It!](#)

March 15-16 | Onley
[Special Needs Dentistry - You Can Do It!](#)

May 10-11 | Radford
[Special Needs Dentistry - You Can Do It!](#)

November 7 | Richmond
[2019 Oral Health Summit](#)
Save the Date!

Check out our [event calendar](#) to view meeting times and exact locations for all dates listed above.

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of Oral Health Risk Assessments

The Children's Dental Health Project's new fact sheet emphasizes opportunities to

use oral health risk assessments with children to create individualized care. Along with information on the importance of oral health risk assessments, the [fact sheet](#) shares additional resources for providers.



Fact Sheet: The Untapped Potential of Oral Health Risk Assessments

- Children's risk of Early Childhood Caries (ECC) varies widely. Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood. Nearly 1 in 5 children has experienced tooth decay by the time she or he enters kindergarten. Although caries — the disease that leads to tooth decay — occurs in all racial, ethnic and income groups, a children's risk for cavities can vary widely based on various factors.


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