

# Better Care. Better Health. Lower Cost.

## Innovative Progress



The Michigan Caries Prevention Program (MCP) offers an in-person training and technical assistance program to primary care providers (including all physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, residents, and clinical support staff) to integrate oral health services into well-child visits. Through a joint providership with the University of Michigan Medical School and Health System, participants can earn 30 CME and 20-25 MOC Part IV Credits.

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SmileConnect<sup>SM</sup> is a free, online portal that works to better connect available oral health resources with those in need, and simplifies volunteer opportunities for dental professionals. This social platform fosters connections in three simple steps: post, browse, and connect. Teachers and community organizations can post requests for oral health education, services, or materials. Dental schools, professionals, and donors are then able to browse and fulfill those requests.

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Michigan's Dental Registry<sup>SM</sup> (MiDR<sup>SM</sup>) provides a web based platform that facilitates communication between primary care providers and dentists regarding pediatric patient oral health. It is designed to document provided care, and place and track referrals to a dentist as needed. MiDR<sup>SM</sup> is available for EHR integration, beginning with users of Allscripts professionals and is also available as a Meaningful Use Specialized Registry.

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Altarum Institute, Michigan WIC, McMillen Health, and Delta Dental Foundation implemented a WIC-oral health pilot project in urban Detroit. Staff in five WIC clinics (serving ~23,000 children, or 10% of the state's WIC participation) received training to integrate oral health education and dental referrals into the education provided to mothers with young children. Through this pilot, we are assessing the impact of delivering a common message to WIC families about the importance of oral health and early preventive dental visits, and integrating these messages as complementary education within WIC nutrition education.