Global Aim:
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Specific Aims
*Improved care will result in increased:*
• Oral evaluations by primary care providers
• Proportion of children who have received 4 fluoride applications by 4 years of age
• Health education for parents/caregivers
• Referrals to dentists starting at age 12 months

Measures
• % w/ Oral Evaluation
• % w/ Dentist on Record
• % w/ Referrals (as appropriate)
• % Eligible for and Received Fluoride Varnish

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Primary Drivers

- Leaders as Champions for Change
- Informed and Engaged Patients/Caregivers
- Reliable Delivery of Evidence Based Preventative Care in the Primary Care Setting
- Access to Comprehensive Dental Care

Secondary Drivers/Changes

- Identify a physician and an office manager and/or nurse to establish aim/targets and to champion the improvement work
- Identify a practice team, including the champion(s) and staff, to meet at least once a month to identify tests of change and to review progress
- Assess your current primary care processes related to oral health care
- Agree upon, document and communicate aim and goals of the initiative
- Dedicate resources toward educating staff and improving systems

- Provide parents/caregivers access to information & community links
- Engage parents/caregivers in dialog to nurture trust and share the evidence
- Use technology like websites, emails, texts, and/or videos to spread messaging
- Engage parents/caregivers in developing oral health plan for the child

- Develop “ideal workflow”, embedding core processes related to oral health management and prevention into the well child visit
- Standardize processes, roles and responsibilities
- Assure practice has incorporated oral health elements into EHR
- Design and use checklists based on ideal workflow
- Based on guidelines, perform early and ongoing oral evaluation using standardized risk assessment tool
- Agree on, document and communicate periodicity schedule within practice
- Ensure staff are trained and competent in delivering care
- Assure comprehensive preventative care including oral evaluation, application of fluoride varnish, oral health plan and parent counseling
- Assure practice is billing and coding properly for services
- Involve parent/caregivers in improvement efforts
- Integrate quality improvement into office practice including measurement of targets

Resources (available at http://www.fromthefirsttooth.org/)

- FTFT Parent Brochure
- Baby Teeth Q&A
- UMD Video
- Websites for Parents
- Maine Fluoridated Communities
- Fluoride Water Testing

- Getting Started in Your Practice
- FTFT Clinic Workflow
- Smiles for Life Training Presentation
- Maine Oral Health Risk Assessment
- Building OHRA into the EMR
- D0145 Summary Sheet
- From The First Tooth Periodicity Schedule
- Billing and Coding Information
- From The First Tooth Order Forms
- Ordering Fluoride Varnish and Toothbrushes
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Resources List of Websites

- FTFT Dental Referral List
- Insure Kids Now