

Oral Health Campaign 13th May to 13th June 2019



Dear Colleagues

Please find enclosed some free resources for you to display as part of the National Smile Month oral health mandatory campaign 2019. The theme this year in Greater Manchester is promoting children's dental health and preventing decay.

There is increasing evidence of the impact that oral health can have on general health, particularly for people with long term conditions like Diabetes and CHD. People with dementia or cancer may need additional prevention to protect their oral health and maintain comfort at a difficult time. Patients taking bisphosphonate medication need good dental care before and during treatment. Many medications cause dry mouth which increases the risk of dental caries. The campaign reminds patients with these chronic conditions of the importance of regular dental checks. Your contribution is invaluable to these patients.

The resources in your pack include:

- 1 poster on dental checks for adults with chronic conditions.
- A7 flyers on dental checks for adults with chronic conditions.
- Tally sheet for recording interventions.

Please remember to record your interventions on PharmOutcomes

Training

This is a unique opportunity to meet with dental practice teams from your area, so you can forge those links and share ideas moving forward for best practice and campaign promotion tips and ideas. The remaining event starts at 6:30pm with registration & buffet.

There are limited places so please ensure you book early.

• **Wednesday 15th May 2019, Copthorne Hotel, Salford Quays:**

<https://oralhealthsalford.eventbrite.co.uk>

E-resources

Public Health England Resource Centre – Top Tips for Teeth (children's resources)

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/69-top-tips-for-teeth/resources>

- NHS website
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/tooth-decay/>
- British Dental Association
<https://bda.org/library/oral-hygiene>
- Community Dental Services
<https://communitydentalservices.co.uk/our-services/oral-health-activity-pack/>
- Oral Health Foundation
<https://www.dentalhealth.org/pages/faqs/category/downloads>
<http://www.nationalsmilemonth.org/>