Childhood Obesity

Childhood obesity has both immediate and long-term effects on health and well-being. The increasing number of children who are obese has led federal policymakers to rank childhood obesity as a critical health threat.

Multiple approaches are necessary to address the challenge of childhood obesity, and health professionals of all types have roles to play. The role of oral health professionals is an important one because of the relationship between oral health and overall health.

National Conference

The 2-day national conference will serve as an important step in involving the oral health community in contributing to the prevention of childhood obesity. The conference is designed to engage a broad cross section of oral health professionals and other health professionals, representatives from oral-health-related organizations, and experts in childhood-obesity prevention.

The conference agenda will include an overview of relevant scientific literature and identification of evidence-based recommendations and strategies that could be employed by oral health professionals and organizations; findings from national surveys of dentists and dental hygienists about their knowledge, skills, and attitudes related to childhood obesity; and structured sessions for attendees to inform childhood-obesity-prevention strategies. The participation of key leaders and organizations in the national conference is critical to informing future directions.

Conference Organizers and Supporter

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the American Dental Association, the American Dental Hygienists’ Association, and the Santa Fe Group are organizing this collaborative effort, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
Healthy Futures
Engaging the Oral Health Community in Childhood Obesity Prevention National Conference
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Georgetown University Conference Center, Washington, DC

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

NOVEMBER 3, 2016

7:30–8:30 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30–8:45 a.m.  Welcome
David Krol, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP, Senior Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, NJ
8:45–9:00 a.m.  Overview of Conference: Day 1
Dushanka Kleinman, D.D.S., M.Sc.D., Associate Dean for Research; Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Maryland School of Public Health, College Park, MD
9:00–9:30 a.m.  Keynote Presentation: How Do We Move the Needle? Engaging Oral Health Professionals in Efforts to Prevent Childhood Obesity
Margo G. Wootan, D.Sc., Director, Nutrition Policy, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Washington, DC
9:30–11:45 a.m.  Session I: Overview of the Science
Moderator: Norman Tinanoff, D.D.S., M.S., Professor, Division of Pediatric Dentistry, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, University of Maryland Dental School, Baltimore, MD
How Non-Modifiable and Modifiable Factors Related to Childhood Obesity Can Be Applied to Oral Health Professionals' Efforts to Prevent or Manage Dental Caries in Children
Presentation: 9:35–10:00 a.m., Q&A: 10:00–10:10 a.m.
Speaker/author: Donald Chi, D.D.S., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Oral Health Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Co-authors: Frances Chu, M.L.I.S., M.S.N., and Monique Luu, B.A.
Health-Equity Issues Related to Disparities in Childhood Obesity

*Presentation: 10:10–10:35 a.m., Q&A: 10:35–10:45 a.m.*

**Speaker/author:** Clemencia Vargas, D.D.S., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry, University of Maryland School of Dentistry, Baltimore, MD

**Co-authors:** Elsie Stines, D.N.P., C.R.N.P., and Herta Granado, B.S.

Relationship Between Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages and Weight Gain in Children

*Presentation: 10:45–11:10 a.m., Q&A: 11:10–11:20 a.m.*

**Speaker/author:** Julie Frantsve-Hawley, R.D.H., Ph.D., Executive Director, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, Springfield, IL

**Co-authors:** James D. Bader, D.D.S., M.P.H., Jean A. Welsh, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.N., and J. Timothy Wright, D.D.S., M.S.

Reactors: 11:20–11:45 a.m.

Jonathan Shenkin, D.D.S., M.P.H., practicing pediatric dentist, Augusta, ME

Linda Southward, Ph.D., ACSW, Research Fellow and Research Professor, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
**Adjourn to Breakout Session**

12:00–1:00 p.m.  
Breakout Session

1:00–2:00 p.m.  
Lunch (Faculty Club Restaurant)

2:00–4:45 p.m.  
**Session II: What We Can Do**

**Moderator:** Jane Grover, D.D.S., M.P.H., Director, Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations, Division of Government/Public Affairs, American Dental Association, Chicago, IL

Efforts by Oral Health Professionals to Address Other Systemic Health Issues and How this Knowledge Could Be Applied to Prevent Childhood Obesity

*Presentation: 2:05–2:30 p.m., Q&A: 2:30–2:40 p.m.*

**Speaker/author:** Barbara Greenberg, M.Sc., Ph.D., Professor of Epidemiology and Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Community Health, School of Health Sciences and Practice, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY

**Co-authors:** Michael Glick, D.M.D., and Mary Tavares, D.M.D., M.P.H.

Efforts by Oral Health Professionals in Practice and in Public Health Settings to Prevent Childhood Obesity and Reduce Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages

*Presentation: 2:40–3:05 p.m., Q&A: 3:05–3:15 p.m.*
Speaker/author: Robin Wright, Ph.D., M.A., Assistant Director, Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Chicago, IL
Co-author: Paul Casamassimo, D.D.S., M.S.
Efforts by Oral Health Professionals and Organizations to Influence Health Policy and Advocacy Efforts to Prevent Childhood Obesity and Reduce Children’s Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages
Presentation: 3:15–3:40 p.m., Q&A: 3:40–3:50 p.m.
Speaker/author: Ankit Sanghavi, B.D.S., M.P.H., Public Health Research Analyst, Texas Health Institute, Austin, TX
Co-author: Nadia J. Siddiqui, M.P.H.
Efforts by Dental Schools and Dental Hygiene Schools to Promote Future Oral Health Professionals’ Knowledge and Skills Related to Preventing Childhood Obesity and Reducing Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages
Presentation: 3:50–4:15 p.m., Q&A: 4:15–4:25 p.m.
Speaker/author: Kimon Divaris, D.D.S., Ph.D., Associate Professor and Research Director, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, School of Dentistry, and Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Reactors: 4:25–4:45 p.m.
Patricia Braun, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Pediatrics and Family Medicine and Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine, University of Colorado Medical and Dental Schools, Aurora, CO
Jane Forrest, B.S.D.H., M.S., Ed.D., Director, National Center for Dental Hygiene Research and Practice, Los Angeles, CA
4:45–5:45 p.m. Breakout Session
5:45–7:45 p.m. Reception
NOVEMBER 4, 2016

7:30–8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

8:30–8:35 a.m.  Overview of Conference: Day 2
Ann Battrell, M.S.D.H., Chief Executive Officer, American Dental Hygienists’ Association, Chicago, IL

8:35–10:45 a.m.  Session III: Supporting and Promoting Involvement
Moderator: Paul Casamassimo, D.D.S., M.S., Professor, Pediatric Dentistry, Ohio State University College of Dentistry, Columbus, OH

Efforts by Non-Oral-Health Professionals in Practice and in Public Health Settings to Prevent Childhood Obesity and Reduce Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages
Presentation: 8:40–9:05 a.m., Q&A: 9:05–9:15 a.m.
Speaker/author: Diane Dooley, M.D., M.H.S., Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA; Medical Director, Pediatric Obesity Disease Management Program (Go!Club), Contra Costa Health Plan, Martinez, CA

Skills and Tools That Oral Health Professionals Need to Effectively Engage Children and Parents in Implementing Dietary Changes That Could Prevent Childhood Obesity and Reduce Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages
Presentation: 9:15–9:40 a.m., Q&A: 9:40–9:50 a.m.
Speaker/author: Lisa Mallonee, M.P.H., R.D.H., R.D., L.D., Professor, Caruth School of Dental Hygiene Program, Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M University, Dallas, TX

Role of Insurers in Oral Health Professionals’ Efforts to Prevent Childhood Obesity and Reduce Consumption of Sugar-sweetened Beverages and Lessons from Insurers’ Other Efforts to Change Behaviors
Presentation: 9:50–10:15 a.m., Q&A: 10:15–10:25 a.m.
Speaker/author: Mary Foley, R.D.H., M.P.H., Executive Director, Medicaid | Medicare | CHIP Services Dental Association, Washington, DC
Co-author: Timothy S. Martinez, D.M.D.
Reactors: 10:25–10:45 a.m.
Burton Edelstein, D.D.S., M.P.H., Professor of Dentistry and Health Policy, Columbia University, New York, NY; Senior Fellow in Public Policy and President Emeritus, Children’s Dental Health Project, Washington, DC
Claude Earl Fox, M.D., M.P.H., Professor Emeritus, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami, Miami, FL

10:45–11:45 a.m.  Breakout Session
11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  Pick Up Box Lunches
12:00–12:45 p.m.  Panel Reflections
Moderator: Raul Garcia, D.M.D., M.Med.Sc., Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy and Health Services Research; Co-director, Center for Research to Evaluate and Eliminate Dental Disparities, Boston, MA
Speakers (Reactor from each panel)

12:45–1:00 p.m.  Conference Summary: What Did We Learn and What’s Ahead?
Speaker: Raul Garcia, D.M.D., M.Med.Sc., Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy and Health Services Research; Co-director, Center for Research to Evaluate and Eliminate Dental Disparities, Boston, MA

1:00 p.m.  Conference Adjourned

Hotel Information

The conference will be held at the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center, which is located at the heart of the Georgetown University campus inside the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center. Georgetown University is located in Washington, DC.

The cut-off date for making hotel reservations is October 3, 2016, or when the block is full, whichever comes first. Single/double occupancy is $219 per night plus tax. Book your hotel reservation by calling (202) 687-3200 and mentioning the conference name.

The hotel is accessible from the area airports, including Reagan National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport, and from Union Station (train) in Washington, DC.


Parking is available in the Leavey Center garage, which is located under the hotel. Parking is $25/day. The garage can be accessed from Georgetown University entrance #1 at 3800 Reservoir Road, N.W., Washington, DC.
About the Collaboration Partners

The **National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center** responds to the needs of professionals working in states and communities in addressing current and emerging public oral health issues. The resource center supports health professionals, program administrators, educators, policymakers, and others, particularly those working in state maternal and child health programs, with the goal of improving oral health services for pregnant women, infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special health care needs, and their families.

The **American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD)** is a membership organization representing pediatric dentists as well as general dentists who treat a significant number of children in their practices. AAPD’s members provide general and specialty care to millions of infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special health care needs, and contribute to professional-education programs and scholarly works concerning children’s oral health care. AAPD advocates for policies, guidelines, and programs that promote optimal oral health and oral health care for infants, children, and adolescents.

The **American Dental Association (ADA)**, a membership organization representing dentists, works to advance the dental profession on the national, state, and local levels. ADA is committed to the public’s oral health and to ethics, science, and professional advancement. Initiatives include those related to advocacy, education, research, and the development of standards.

The **American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA)**, a membership organization, leads the transformation of the dental hygiene profession to improve the public’s oral health and overall health. ADHA helps ensure access to high-quality oral health care; promotes dental hygiene education, licensure, practice, and research; and represents dental hygienists’ legislative interests at the local, state, and federal levels.

The **Santa Fe Group** is the nation’s leading independent think tank on oral health policy and practice. The Santa Fe Group fosters policy and initiates actions to improve the health and well-being of the public by analyzing and disseminating health program and policy information, creating networks of concerned citizens, and developing advocacy programs to promote change for improved health.

About the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)** supports a wide array of research and programs to help build a national culture of health. In alliance with a growing coalition of civic and business leaders, RWJF is working to help advance changes in public policy, community environments, and industry practices to ensure that all children can achieve a healthy weight—and a healthy start in life.