

Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum

https://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org/

Smiles for Life is a free web-based set of oral health training modules that was originally developed in 2005 by the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Group on Oral Health. Now in its 4th edition, the self-guided curriculum provides continuing medical education credit, is endorsed by over 20 national organizations, and is in wide use in professional schools and post-graduate training programs.

<u>Smiles for Life</u> is now the nation's most comprehensive and widely used oral health curriculum for primary care clinicians.

Courses do not need to be taken in order. Topics include:

- The Relationship of Oral Health and Systemic Health
- Child Oral Health
- Adult Oral Health
- Acute Dental Problems
- Pregnancy and Women's Oral Health
- Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish, and Counseling
- The Oral Examination
- Geriatric Oral Health
- Silver Diamine Fluoride

Also included in the website are resources for patient education, practice tools, care guidelines, and an integration toolkit. The newest addition to the curriculum is a learning program for Front Line Health Workers (community health workers and patient navigators).