# QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FLUORIDE VARNISH PROJECT

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#### **BACKGROUND**

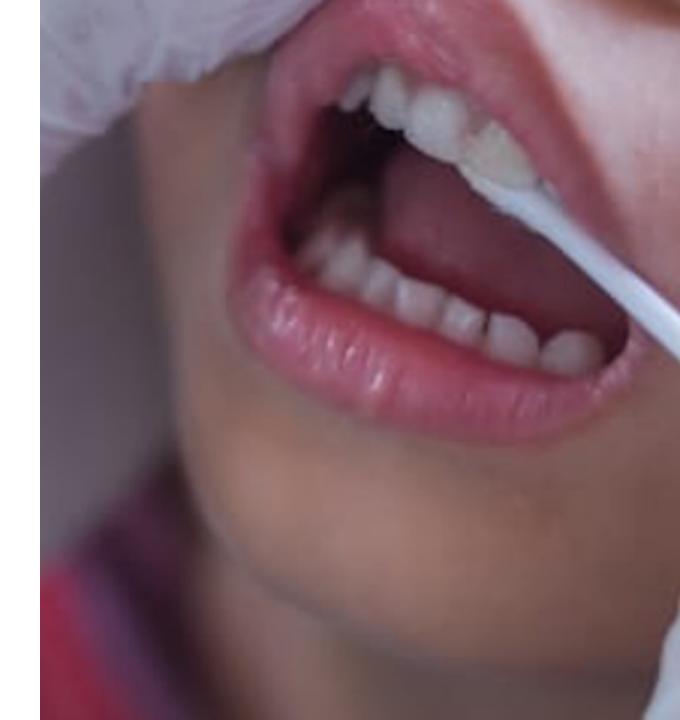
- Early childhood caries cavities
- Cavities 5x asthma and 7x hay fever
- Cavities cause health problems
- Cavities are preventable

### SOLUTION

 Primary care clinicians apply fluoride varnish

 Varnish reduces dental decay by more than one-third

• Reimbursement for fluoride



## **PROBLEM**

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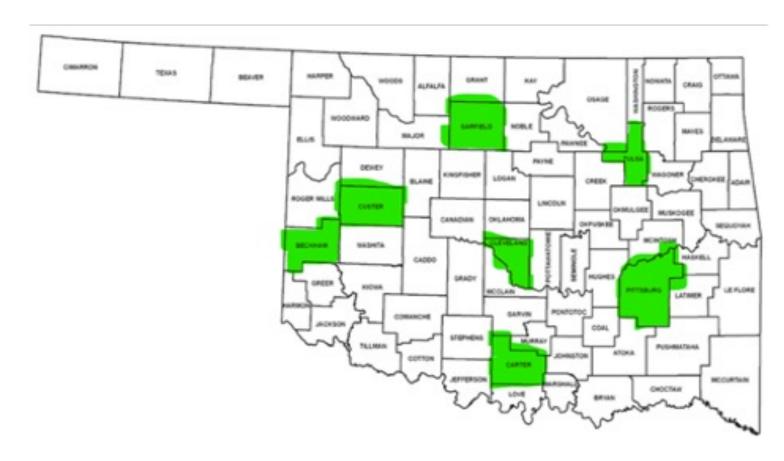
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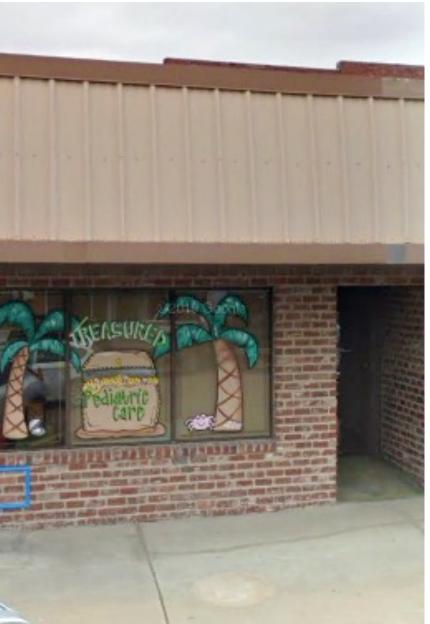
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• Data













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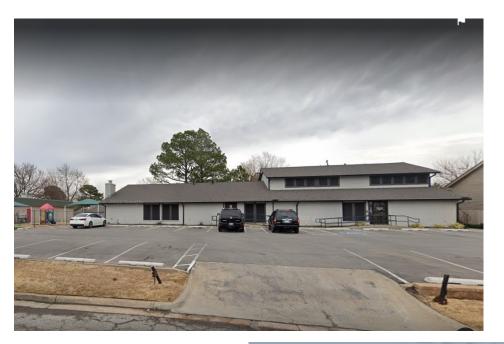


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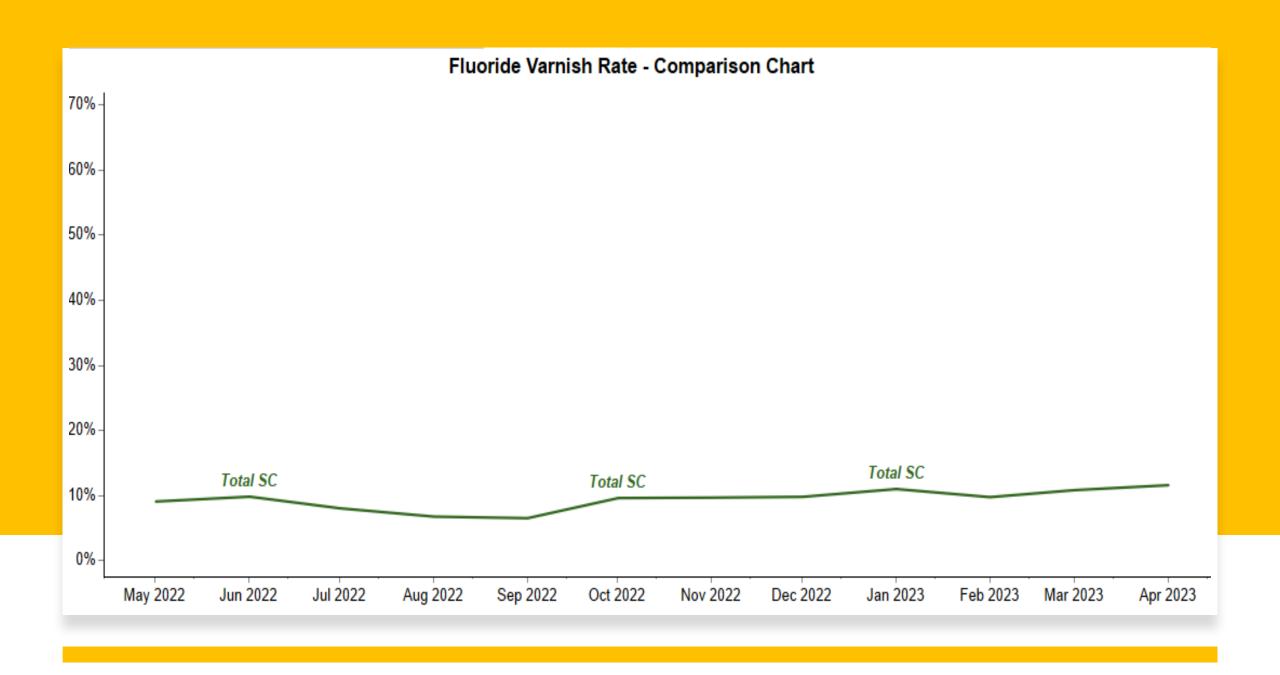


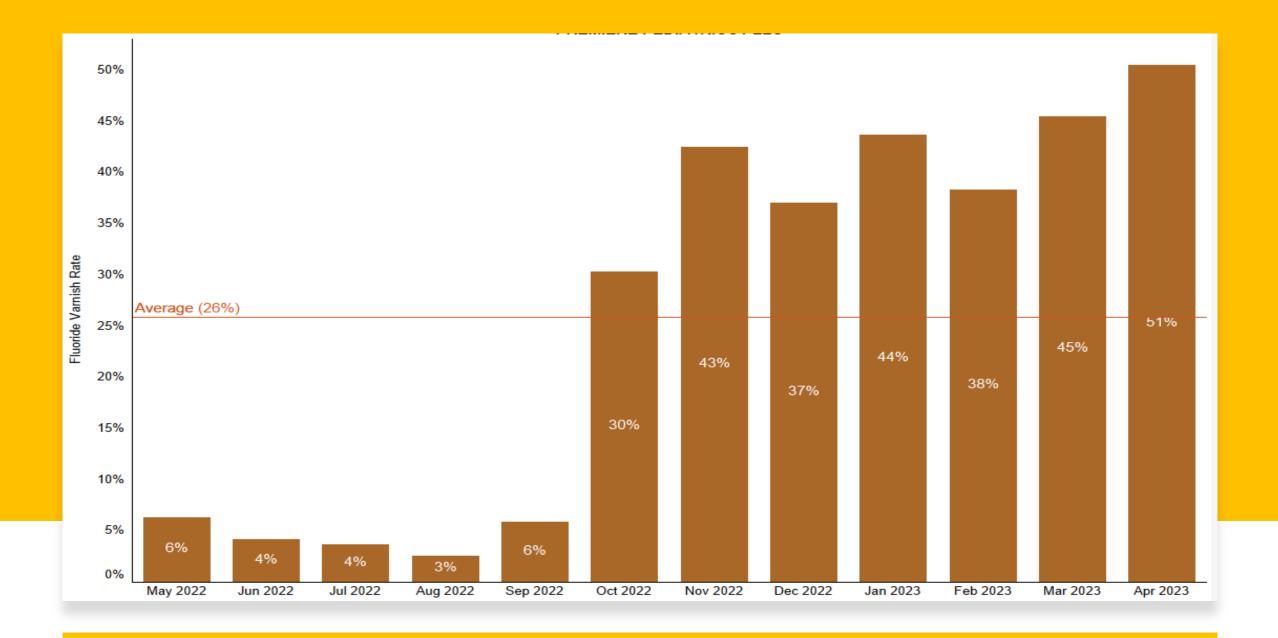


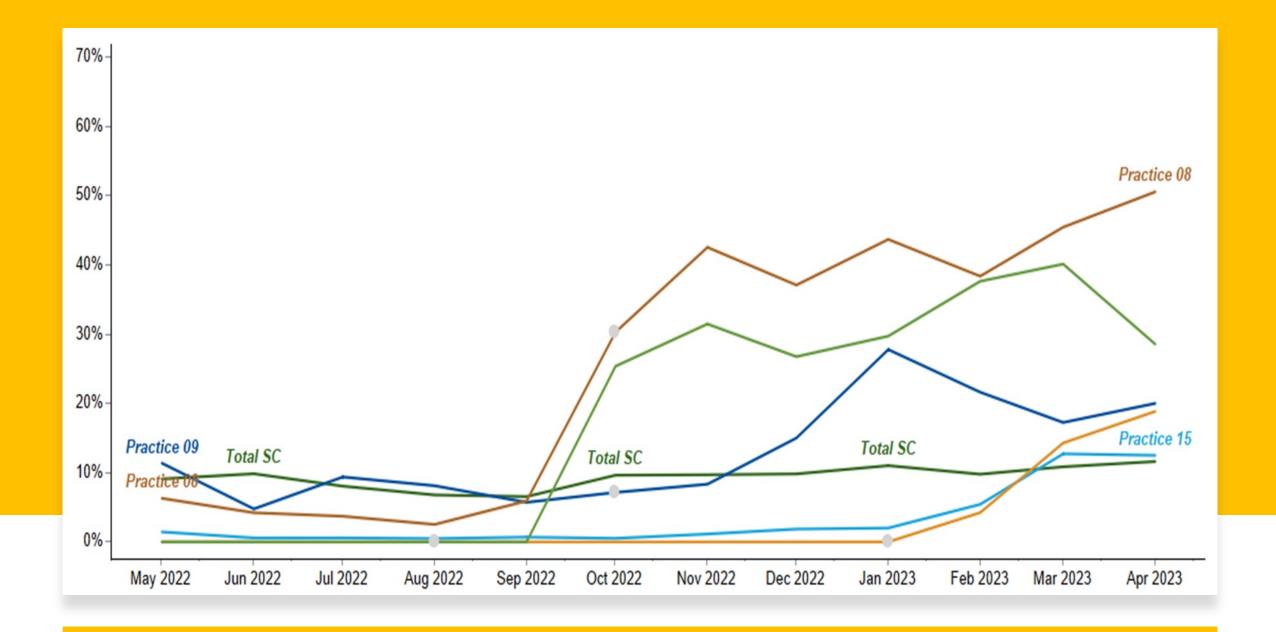












# **COMMON QUESTIONS**

 What if the child gets fluoride varnish at the dentist and at the well-child visit?

Who can apply the fluoride varnish?

Do we need a certification to apply the fluoride varnish?

Why not refer the child to a dentist?

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