

*COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA*

*Department of Health*

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Dear Doctor,

 The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) would like to invite you to participate in two opportunities designed to increase access to dental care for children with special health care needs (CSHCN) and very young children. Dental providers are desperately needed for this population!

1. **Free Two-day Continuing Education Courses Offered**

 In collaboration with the Virginia Dental Association and Virginia Dental Association Foundation, VDH is pleased to offer free two-day continuing education (CE) courses for actively practicing Virginia dentists wishing to improve their skills in caring for CSHCN and very young children. Matthew Cooke, D.D.S., M.D., M.P.H., a pediatric dentist and the Director of Healthy Athletes, Special Olympics of Virginia, will present a full-day didactic seminar on Friday with a focus on case-based approaches which will be clinically relevant to patients in your practice. Kami A. Piscitelli, R.D.H., VDH Special Needs Oral Health Coordinator, will provide a brief presentation regarding daily oral hygiene adaptations/modifications and early child oral health. Participants will then practice what they have learned in a half-day hands-on clinical session on Saturday. Patients are provided. Our goal is to encourage integration of patients with special needs into your practice, as well as increase your comfort level and productivity.

**Course title:**

**Dental Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs and Very Young Children:**

**A Case-Based Approach**

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| **2015 Scheduled Dates** | **Virginia Locations** | **Registration Deadline** |
| June 5-6, 2015 | Augusta Regional Dental Clinic – Fishersville | May 29, 2015 |
| July 24-25, 2015 | Sentara Halifax Dental Clinic – South Boston | July 17, 2015 |
| August 14-15, 2015 | Southwest VA Regional Dental Center – Saltville | August 7, 2015 |

To provide the most effective learning environment, the course will be limited to 16 dentists per site plus one auxiliary staff member per dentist. **A total of 11 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEU) will be earned upon completion of both the lecture and the hands-on session.** See pages 3-4 for more details and the registration form.

If you would like to attend, complete the registration form on page four as soon as possible to reserve your space. For further information and to register, contact Kami Piscitelli via **Email**: kami.piscitelli@vdh.virginia.gov ; **Fax:** (804) 864-7783; or **Phone**: (804) 864-7804.

1. **Free Directory of Dentists Willing to Care for People with Special Needs or**

**Very Young Children**

 Since June 2009, VDH has managed an online directory to identify dentists within the Commonwealth of Virginia who are willing to provide dental care for children or adults with special health care needs and very young children. This is a free service to connect patients with dentists who can provide an oral health assessment, preventive and/or restorative dental treatments. The goal is to facilitate access and referral of these individuals to those dentists listed in the directory.

 You might have received and filled out a survey related to this directory that was mailed to all licensed dentists in Virginia in 2008 and 2010. You might already participate on the directory! Thank you!

 **There are two reasons we are asking again:**

1. **If you have registered, we need you to update your information.** Without current office contact information, patients simply cannot find you. Please go to the website at [***http://www.vahealth.org/dental/dentaldirectory/***](http://www.vahealth.org/dental/dentaldirectory/)and check your listing. If changes are needed, please submit to Kami Piscitelli via the “Change Request Form” link at the bottom of the webpage or email to **kami.piscitelli@vdh.virginia.gov****.** Your email address will only be used by the VDH Dental Health Program to communicate updates and will not be seen by the public.
2. **If you have not registered** and are willing to provide care to people with special needs and/or children under three years old, please go to the website at [***http://www.vahealth.org/dental/dentaldirectory/***](http://www.vahealth.org/dental/dentaldirectory/)and click on “Dentist Registration Form”. The directory allows you to choose age ranges, languages offered, specific disabilities/conditions, etc. Your email address will only be used by the VDH Dental Health Program to communicate updates and will not be seen by the public.

The Virginia Department of Health, Virginia Dental Association, and Virginia Dental Association Foundation would like to thank each of the dentists listed in the directory for their interest in treating patients with special health care needs and very young patients. We also would like to thank the Medical University of South Carolina, College of Dental Medicine, for allowing us to use their materials when developing the directory.

 Sincerely,

 Tonya McRae Adiches, R.D.H.

 Dental Health Program Manager

 Office of Family Health Services

 Virginia Department of Health

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**Additional Information about the Dentist CE Courses**

**Title:** Dental Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and Very Young Children: A Case-Based Approach

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**Continuing Education Opportunity!** The Virginia Department of Health, co-sponsored by the Virginia Dental Association and Virginia Dental Association Foundation, is offering this two-day training for dentists wishing to increase their ability to provide care for children with special health care needs and very young children. The lecture on Friday will focus on case-based approaches which will be clinically relevant to patients in your practice. Participants will then practice what they have learned in a half-day hands-on clinical session on Saturday. Patients are provided. Our goal is to encourage integration of patients with special needs into your practice, as well as increase your comfort level and productivity. **The first day is a prerequisite for the second day.**

**Learning objectives:**

1. Identify alternative or useful methods of dental treatment related to specific conditions common to CSHCN.
2. Identify possible adaptations/modifications for CSHCN to use for daily oral hygiene.
3. Identify and/or demonstrate procedures appropriate for early child dental visits.

**Cost:** Free

**Continuing Education Credits:** 11 hours, based on attendance both days.

**Speakers:**

**Dr. Matthew Cooke** is a pediatric dentist and the Director of Healthy Athletes, Special Olympics of Virginia. In addition to his pediatric dental background, Dr. Cooke is a physician and dental anesthesiologist, giving him a unique perspective on children’s oral health needs.

**Kami A. Piscitelli**, R.D.H., VDH Special Needs Oral Health Coordinator, will provide a brief presentation regarding daily oral hygiene adaptations/modifications and early child oral health.

**Disclosure information:** Dr. Cooke and Mrs. Piscitelli have no relevant financial relationships or commercial support to disclose.

**Registration:** limited to 16 dentists per site plus one auxiliary staff member per dentist. See registration form on page four. **Please give at least 72 hrs notice if cancellation is necessary.**

**For further information:** contact Kami Piscitelli at **kami.piscitelli@vdh.virginia.gov****.**

The Virginia Dental Association is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider.

ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education. ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry. The Virginia Dental Association designates this activity for 11 continuing education credits. This continuing education activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the standards of the ADA Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP) through joint efforts between The Virginia Dental Association, Virginia Dental Association Foundation, and Virginia Department of Health.

***Dental Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs and Very Young Children:***

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE): PLEASE PRINT**

 ***A Case-Based Approach***

The course will be limited to 16 dentists per site plus one auxiliary staff member per dentist. Auxiliaries must register on the same form as their supervising dentist.

**Register only if you feel certain that you can attend. Last minute cancellations are a logistical challenge due to patient scheduling for the Saturday hands-on clinical sessions. Please give at least 72 hours notice if a cancellation is necessary.**

**The Friday lecture is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The Saturday hands-on clinic is divided into two half-day sessions, see times in the chart below. Your time preference will be taken into consideration, but not guaranteed.

**⁯🗸 Check the box for the course you are interested in AND your preferred clinical session.**

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| **2015 Course Dates** | **Location** | **🗸Course I plan to attend** | **🗸Saturday a.m. clinical session****7:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.** | **🗸Saturday p.m. clinical session****12:45 – 5 p.m.** | **🗸No preference for clinical session** |
| June 5-6 | Fishersville |  |  |  |  |
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**The lecture days are always on Fridays and attendance is a prerequisite for the Saturday clinics.**

**Dentist’s Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of auxiliary attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ □ Hygienist □ Asst./Recept. □ N/A

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ □ Personal □ Cell

**Email** for confirmation of registration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a general dentist? □ Yes □ No If no, what specialty? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you licensed in Virginia? □ Yes □ No

Are you actively practicing dentistry 20 or more hours per week? □ Yes □ No

Do you currently provide dental services for CSHCN? □ Yes □ No ⁯

Do you currently provide dental services for children under 3 years old? □ Yes □ No ⁯

**Registration deadline is 5 business days prior to each course by noon.**

You will be notified of your acceptance to the course and site-specific details within 7 business days. If you have not received a reply, contact the office to inquire about your registration status.

**Email, fax, or mail to Kami: Email:** kami.piscitelli@vdh.virginia.gov **Fax: (804) 864-7783**

**Address:** Virginia Dept. of Health, 109 Governor St., Madison Bldg., 8th Fl, Richmond 23219

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