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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.

I. Free Two-day Continuing Education (CE) Courses Offered

In collaboration with the Virginia Dental Association and Virginia Dental Association Foundation, VDH is offering free two-day CE courses for Virginia dentists wishing to improve their skills in caring for CSHCN and very young children: **Dental Care for CSHCN and Very Young Children: A Case-Based Approach**. Dr. Matthew Cooke will present a Friday full-day didactic seminar with a focus on relevant case-based approaches. Participants will then practice what they have learned in a half-day hands-on clinical session on Saturday.

See attached pages 2-3 for scheduled course dates, locations, and the registration form.

II. Online Directory of Dentists Providing Dental Services to a Specific Population

Since 2009, VDH has managed an online directory to identify dentists within the Commonwealth of Virginia who are willing to provide dental care for adults and children 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 care.

1. **If you have already registered**, please go to <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/livewell/programs/oralhealth/> to check your listing. If changes are needed, submit via the "Change Request Form" link or email to kami.piscitelli@vdh.virginia.gov.
2. **If you have not registered** and are willing to provide care to the people described, please go to <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/livewell/programs/oralhealth/> and follow link to "Dentist Registration Form". Your email address will only be used by the VDH Dental Health Program to communicate updates and will not be seen by the public.

VDH would like to thank each of you for your interest in treating patients with special health care needs and very young patients!

Sincerely,

Tonya McRae Adiches, R.D.H.
Dental Health Program Manager, Office of Family Health Services
Virginia Department of Health

Additional Information and Details about the Dentist CE Courses

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

Scheduled Dates	Location
June 24-25, 2016	Lecture and clinic days will be located at: Northern Neck Middlesex Free Health Clinic 51 William B. Graham Court, Kilmarnock, VA 22482
July 15-16, 2016	Lecture: SunTrust Bank, Basement Conf. Room, 1010 Main St, Lynchburg Clinic: Free Clinic of Central VA, 1016 Main St, Lynchburg, 24504

The Virginia Department of Health, co-sponsored by the Virginia Dental Association and Virginia Dental Association Foundation, is offering these two-day trainings for dentists wishing to increase their ability to provide care for CSHCN 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;** however, you are welcome to refer patients for the course. Our goal is to increase your comfort level and proficiency in treating patients with special needs, and encourage you to treat more of these people into your practice. **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:

Matthew Cooke, D.D.S., M.D., M.P.H. 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, with the exception that Mrs. Piscitelli is employed by VDH.

Registration: limited to 16 dentists per site plus one auxiliary staff member per dentist or up to 16 auxiliaries total. See registration form on page three. **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.

REGISTRATION FORM REQUIRED FOR COURSE ATTENDANCE: PLEASE

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

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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 below for the course you are interested in **AND** your preferred clinical session or no preference.

2016 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 24-25	Kilmarnock				
July 15-16	Lynchburg				

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 noon Monday before ea. course; early registration will save your seat!

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., 9th Fl, Richmond, VA 23219

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