Greater Baden Medical Services



Core team members have included:

Dental

- Dr. Henry, dentist
- Guadalupe Limrick, dental assistant

Pediatrics

- Dr. Vasudevan
- Tamika Heard, Clinical Medical Assistant
- Deb Apperson, CRNP, Quality



1. Future state



More children of all ages that take advantage of our on site dental services.



2. Key learnings



- We learned that providing a specific intervention to a small subgroup of patients presented more challenges than we expected.
- Knowledge deficit
- Time constraints
- Rigid schedule template

3. Impactful changes



- Education on the need for sealants
- Pediatric room posters.
- Providing same day access appointments
- Documentation and correct codes are essential to capture accurate data.

3. Impactful Changes



Section N – Dental Sealants for Children between 6-9 Years 12.50%					
Line	Description	Demographic	Number of Patients with Sealants to First Molars (c)	Total Patients Aged 6 through 9 at Moderate to High Risk for Caries (a)	Percentage Per Line
22	Children aged 6 through 9 years, at moderate to high risk of caries who received a sealant on a first permanent molar	100% and below	2.00	9.00	22.22%
		101-150%	0.00	3.00	0.00%
		Over 200%	0.00	1.00	0.00%
		Unknown	1.00	11.00	9.09%
		Grand Total	3.00	24.00	12.50%



4. Benefits



- An unexpected benefit to the providers on the team was an increased interest in data
- GBMS is exploring pre-visit planning process in dental services.
- The lessons learned are applicable for spreading to other outcomes such as improving the use of inhaled corticosteroid use in asthma

5. Negative impacts



- If we stop focusing on screening our targeted population for moderate to high risk for caries and providing sealants there will be an individual cost of potential dental and health issues.
- Improving this outcome will get lost in the busyness of practice

6. The "pitch" – or "ask" of your leadership



- Training for pediatric and pediatric staff on innovative thinking concepts learned to excel in promoting dental health.
- Time to engage each other and share ideas
- Selection of "champions" to promote these ideas and put them into practice