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MODULE 15

Oral Health Across the Lifespan

Part 2: Oral Health For Pregnant
Women and Their Newborns

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In-Class Activities

Investigate the adult Medicaid dental benefit in your state and the Medicaid dental benefit for pregnant women.

Identify dentists in your practice community who accept public and private dental insurance. Call the dentists to determine those who accept Medicaid and will treat pregnant women. Prepare a list of those providers to give to your patients.

Prepare a two minute argument that dispels the myths about dental care during pregnancy, to convince dentists that it is safe and appropriate to provide dental care to pregnant women.

Develop a brochure for pregnant women about the importance of oral health during pregnancy and for their newborns. Consider their health literacy level, cultural background, and evidence-based “best practices”.