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2024 SPRING WEBINAR

**Are there Alternatives to Fluoride for Caries Management?**

Saturday April 6, 2024 - 11 am - 1 pm ET

*Introduction of each association, webinar and speakers - 11:00 to 11:05 am ET*

AAC President: **Dr. Carlos Gonzalez**

ORCA President**: Dr. Margherita Fontana**

*Session 1 - 11:05 to 11:25 am ET*

**How to Identify and Manage Fluoride Hesitancy in Clinical Practice**

Speaker: **Dr. Donald Chi**

Despite the proven safety and effectiveness of fluoride for caries management, fluoride hesitancy among patients is a growing clinical problem. Clinical fluoride hesitancy mirrors community-level opposition to water fluoridation and vaccine hesitancy in medicine. Concerns about fluoride include its necessity, potential side effects and incomplete or inaccurate understanding of its evidence for caries management. The presentation will emphasize the reasons for fluoride hesitancy and clinical strategies to manage fluoride hesitancy in practice.

*Session 2 - 11:25 to 11:45 am ET*

**Alternatives to Fluoride in the Prevention and Treatment of Dental Caries**

Speaker: **Dr. Domenick Zero**

Although fluoride remains the most effective and widely used caries management strategy, there is increasing interest in other approaches. The presentation will provide an overview of current evidence on potential fluoride alternatives for caries management.

*Session 3 - 11:45 am to 12:05 pm ET*

**How to Build Evidence through Clinical Trials and Clinical Guidelines**

Speaker: **Dr. Jan Clarkson**

The presentation will discuss tools to improve clinical research design, conduct and reporting and to increase usability of research.

*Session 4 - 12:05 pm to 12:55 pm ET*

**Q & A: all speakers**

Moderators: TBD

*Closing remarks - 12:55 pm to 1:00 pm ET*

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