

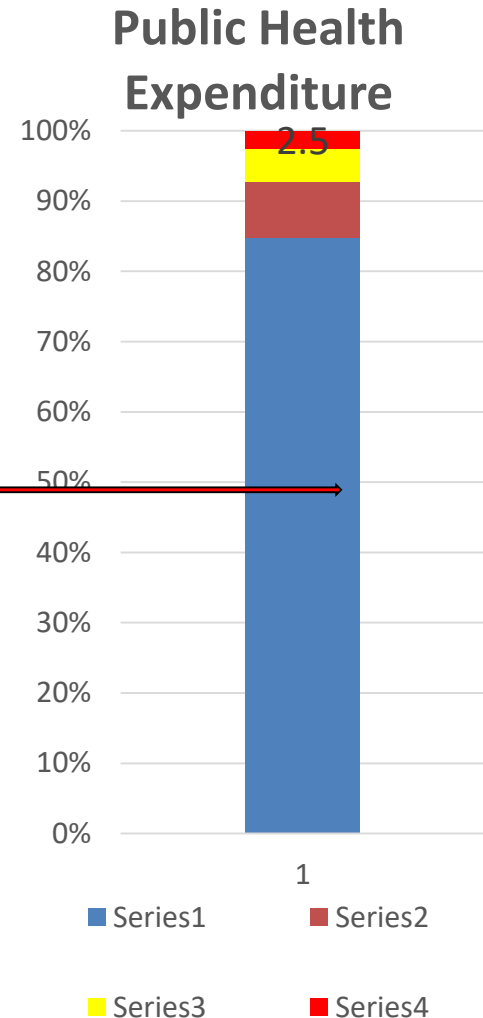
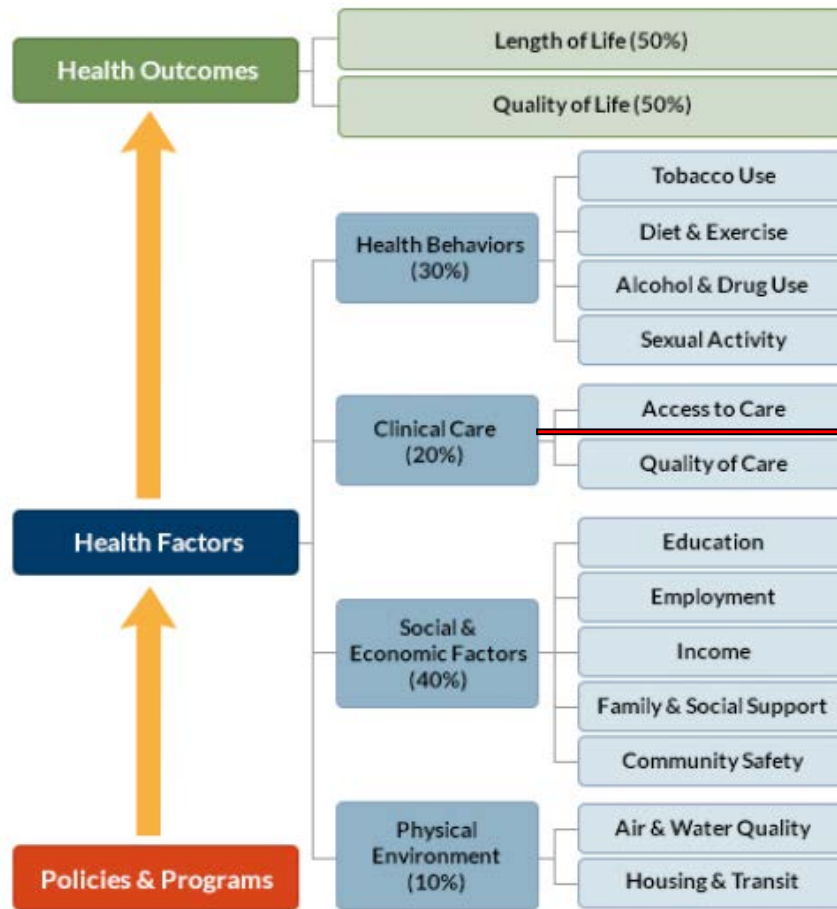
# California Oral Health Program



Collaboration to  
Implement the  
California Oral Health Plan  
2018-2028

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# Public Health Investment



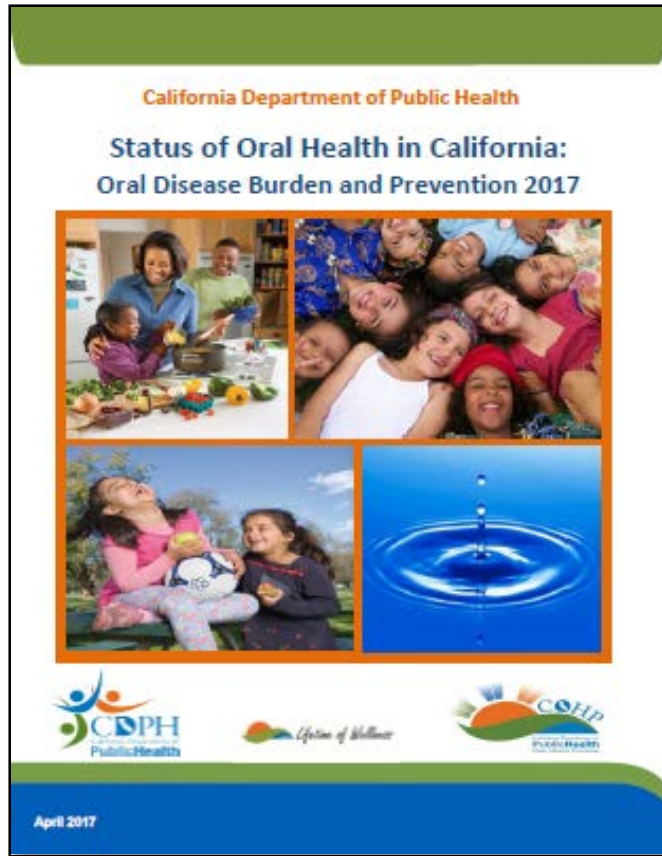
Source: County Health Rankings & Roadmaps program

# Vision

- Make California the healthiest state in the nation
- Healthy individuals and families in healthful communities
- Healthy mouth for all Californians



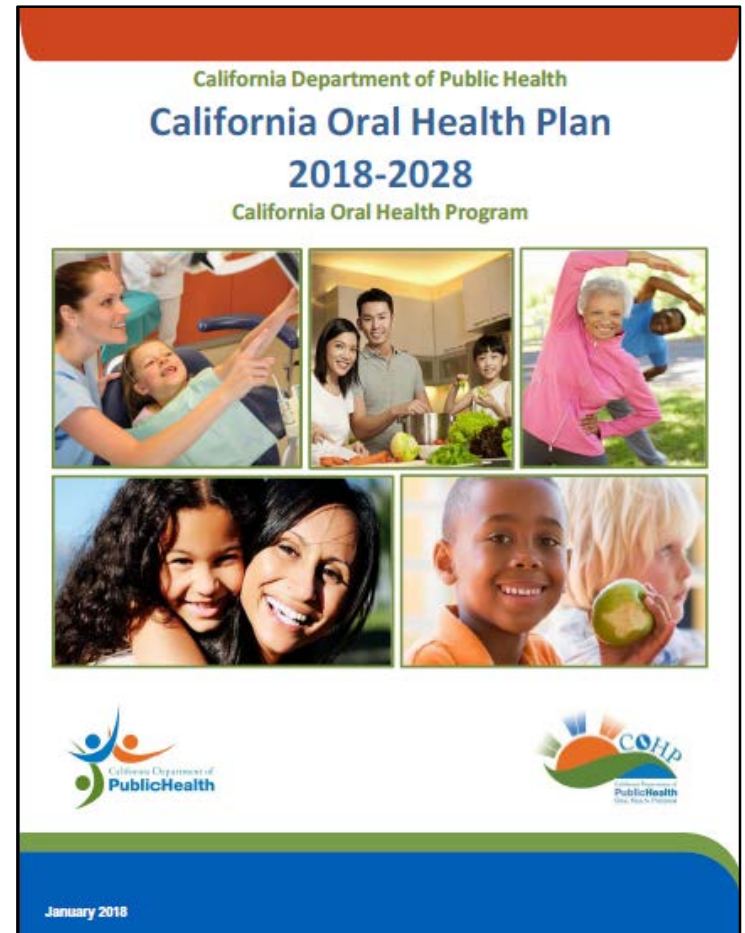
# Status of Oral Health in California



- Oral diseases are highly prevalent
- Disparities are persistent
- Effective preventive measures are underutilized

# California Oral Health Plan 2018-2028

- Provides a roadmap for all Californians
  - Created by an Advisory Committee
  - Offers a structure for collective Action
  - Capitalizes on recent fiscal developments



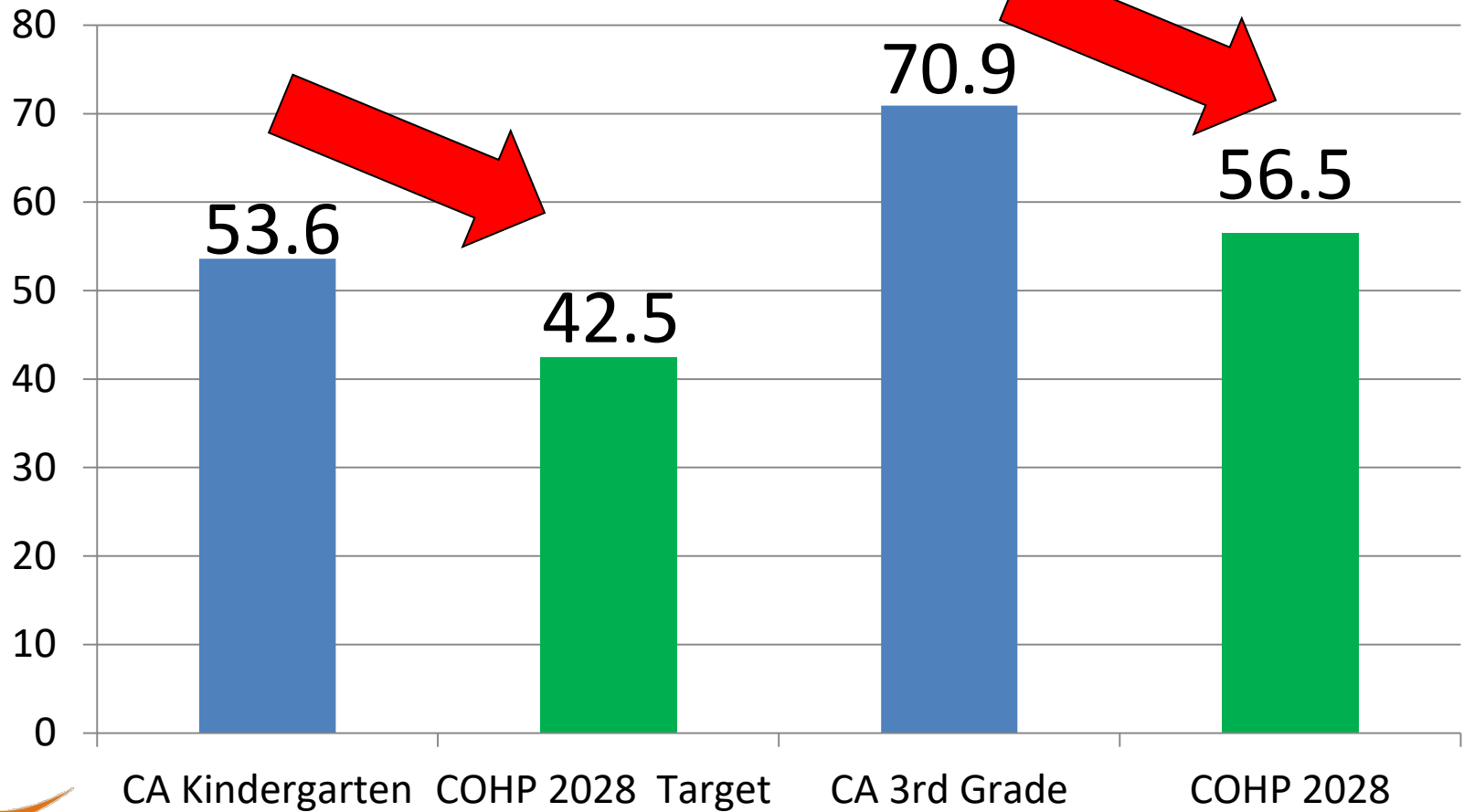
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# Goals

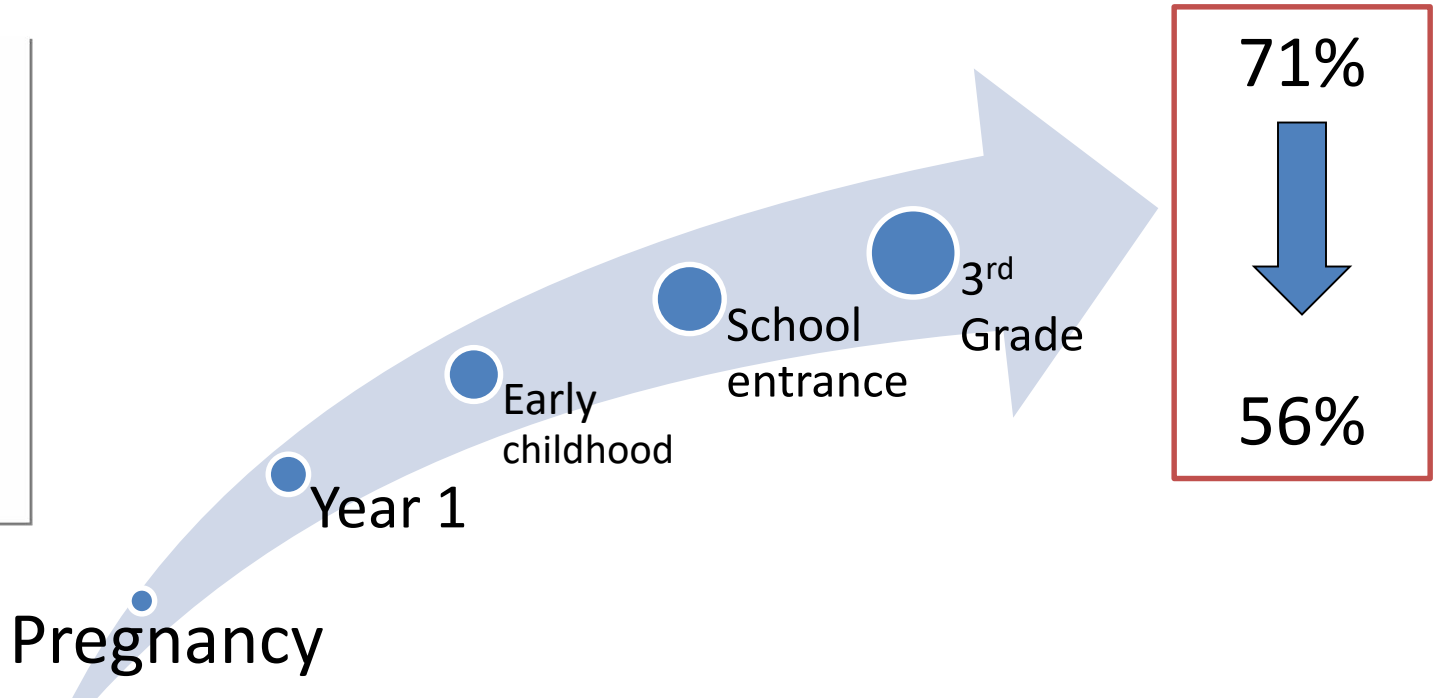


# Tooth Decay in Children

## The California Smile Survey, 2006 and COHP 2028 Target



# Proposed State Oral Health Plan Strategies



Brushing – Reducing Sugar

Dental Visit

Inter-professional Collaboration – Community Clinical Linkages –  
Dental Care Delivery System

Health Literacy – Insurance Coverage – Water Fluoridation



# Moving from Planning to Action

## Use of Tobacco Tax Funds

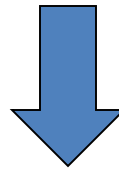


# Local Oral Health Program Scope of Work Objectives

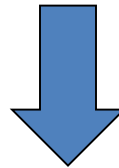
## **First Steps:**

- Engage the community
- Conduct needs assessment
- Identify assets and resources
- Develop a local oral health improvement plan/ Strategic Plan

## Develop a Plan



## Implement interventions



## Evaluate outcomes

## **Next Steps:**

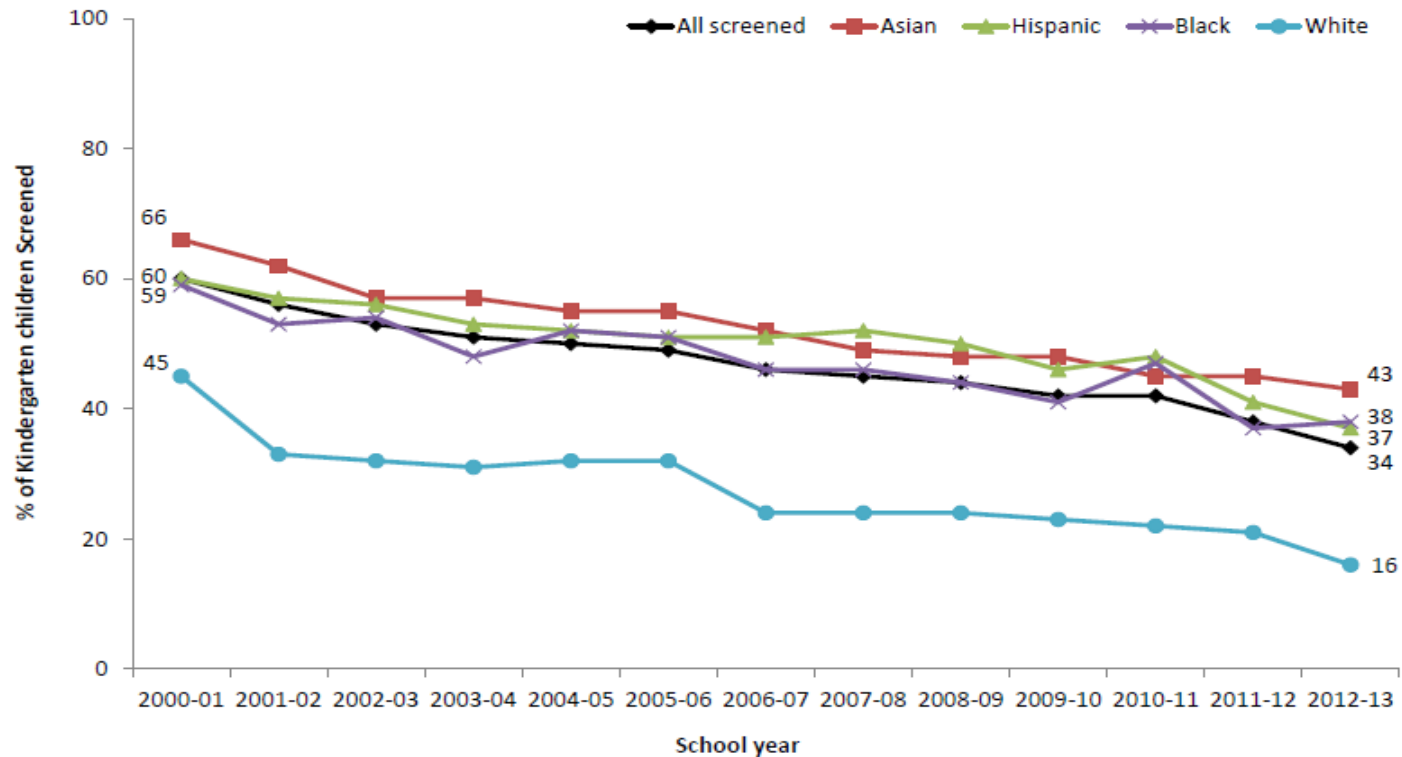
- Inform, educate and mobilize
- Convene, coordinate, collaborate
- Implement policies and programs
- Conduct surveillance and evaluation

# Promoting Policies and Programs

- Community water fluoridation
- Community-Clinical Linkages
  - School-based/linked dental sealant program
- Kindergarten oral health assessment
- Tobacco Cessation Counseling
- Rethink Your Drink Campaign

# Health in All Policies

Percentage of kindergarteners in public schools in San Francisco with caries experience in their primary teeth by race/ethnicity, 2001-2012



Case Study: School-Based Oral Health Screening in San Francisco as an Essential Public Health Service. Jodi D. Stookey et al. CDA JOURNAL, VOL 45, No 8

# Systems Change

## Oral Health Prevention and Toddler Well-Child Care: Routine Integration in a Safety Net System

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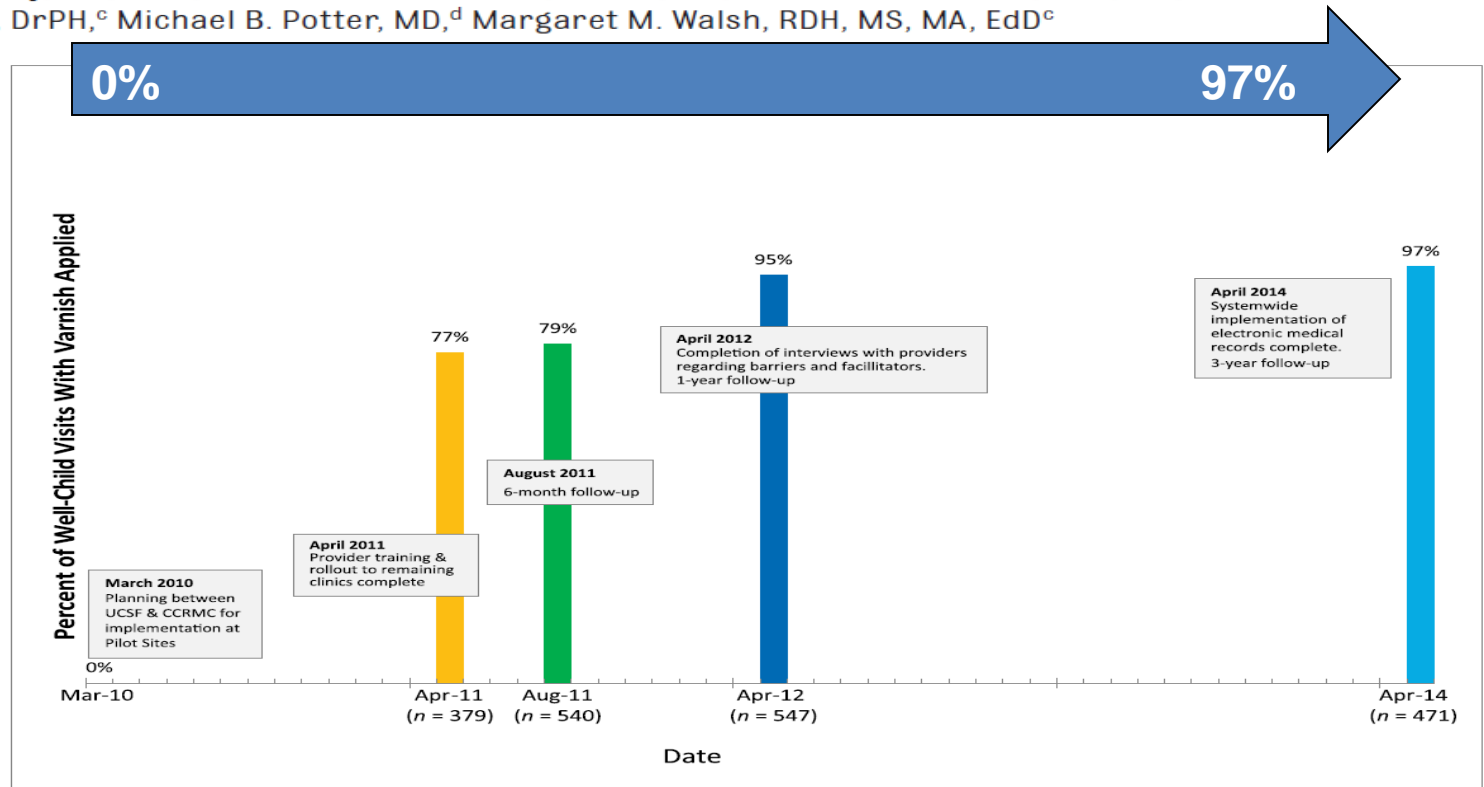


FIGURE 3  
FV application rates 2010–2014.

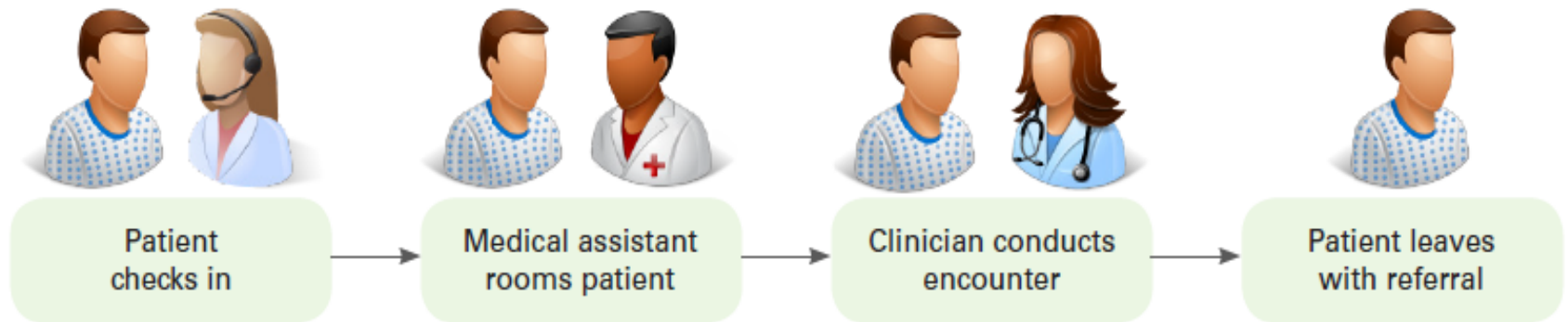
# Increase Dental Visit Rates

- Dental insurance
- Outreach activities
- Oral health literacy



# Integrate Oral Health and Primary Care

Figure 3: Small Practice Workflow Example: Medical Assistant and Provider Dyad



# Promote Oral Health Literacy

- Create a shame-less environment
- Use plain language
  - Visuals and drawings
- Use teach-back method





# Future of Oral Health in California

## Medi-Cal Dental Program

- Dental Transformation Initiative
- Proposition 56 Supplemental Payments
- Restoration of adult benefits

## Oral Health Program

- Local Oral Health Program
- Surveillance and Evaluation
- Oral health literacy
- Technical Assistance
- Special Projects

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