Evidence-Based Dentistry Committee Update

The EBD Committee has been active this year overseeing two new EBD guidelines:

**CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR USE OF VITAL PULP THERAPIES IN PRIMARY TEETH WITH DEEP CARIES**

**CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE ON THE USE OF SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE FOR DENTAL CARIES MANAGEMENT IN CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS**

Both guidelines provide evidence-based recommendations and guidance on the use of their respective therapies in children; the silver diamine fluoride (SDF) guideline provides a detailed protocol on the use of SDF to aid practitioners in the application of this new treatment. These EBD guidelines will appear in the newly reorganized 2017-2018 Reference Manual and reflect the changes outlined in the EBDC 2016 report to the Board of Trustees, “Recommendations on Securing Inclusion of AAPD Clinical Practice Guidelines in the National Guideline Clearinghouse.”

The Appraisal of Guidelines Research & Evaluation (“AGREE”) reporting checklist has been used to develop a standard template for EBD guidelines. Standardization of guideline manuscripts will allow the membership to become acquainted with the evidence-based process through rote presentation. Even though the subject matter differs across guidelines, the organization will be the same, or very similar, allowing users to quickly find the information they need.

The AAP’s evidence-based guidelines are being produced in accordance with standards created by National Academy of Medicine (formerly known as the Institute of Medicine) and mandated by the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC), an initiative of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and therefore will be eligible to be included in the NGC. Inclusion in the NGC guarantees our guidelines will be seen by private and public payers. The guidelines will be available as open access publications on the AAP’s website.