AAPD Spokesperson Featured in Dental Products Report

AAPD Chief Policy Officer Dr. Paul Casamassimo was interviewed by Kristen Mott for a story titled, “Study finds that yeast-bacteria interaction may be causing tooth decay in toddler.”

According to the article:

“Dr. Paul S. Casamassimo, D.D.S., M.S., director of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center, says the results of the study help expand dentists’ understanding of the complex interactions in the oral cavity that relate to early childhood caries; however, he notes that the translation of basic research into clinical care is often a slow process.”

To read the full story, visit http://www.dentalproductsreport.com/dental/article/study-finds-yeast-bacteria-interaction-may-be-causing-tooth-decay-toddlers.

AAPD Featured in New York Times Story on Dental Sedation

Catherine Saint Louis with The New York Times interviewed AAPD Chief Policy Officer Dr. Paul Casamassimo (Ohio), Dr. Deborah Studen-Pavlovich (Penn.) and Dr. Jeannette MacLean (Ariz.) for a story on sedating children for dental work.

According to the story:

“Sedation is above and beyond routine dentistry,” so the first thing parents should ask is whether it’s necessary, said Dr. Paul Casamassimo, the chief policy officer for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s research center.

“The quality of dentists’ sedation training matters, because a dentist needs to be able to choose the right candidates and the appropriate drug and know how to rescue an oversedated child. Pediatric dentists train for an added two or three years to learn sedation. By contrast, a general dentist may have taken a weekend course in moderate sedation. “Classroom training is not enough,” Dr. Studen-Pavlovich said.

“The bottom line is parents should be told the risks, benefits and alternatives, Dr. MacLean said. “If not, get a second opinion.”

To read the entire story, please visit https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/24/well/family/should-kids-be-sedated-for-dental-work.html.

New Mouth Monster Hub Content

DID YOU KNOW? 5 FUN TEETH FACTS

Your teeth are truly amazing! Do you know how many teeth you have? When do teeth start growing? Check out these fun facts and some tips on how to care for little teeth.

- The enamel on your teeth is the hardest substance in your body. In fact, one of the best ways to keep it healthy is right in your kitchen — fluoridated tap water helps strengthen weak areas of enamel on your teeth.
- Your pearly whites are your own, unique set of teeth. Even identical twins don’t have identical teeth.
- A baby’s teeth start forming before they are even born.
- Like an iceberg, 1/3 of your tooth is below the gum line. In addition to preventing cavities, flossing helps keep gums healthy by reaching food that tooth brushing alone can’t reach. As soon as your child has two teeth touching, start flossing!
- Kids have 20 baby teeth and adults have 32 permanent teeth. In comparison, cats have 30 teeth, dogs have 42 teeth, pigs have 44 teeth and an armadillo has 104 teeth!

Media Training 2017

On June 16-17, 2017, nine spokespeople were trained in Chicago to address a variety of topics within pediatric dentistry, ranging from protective stabilization to sedation, to access to care, as well as silver diamine fluoride and our Mouth Monsters’ campaign. Presenters Dr. Robin Wright (AAPD) and Dick Helton, Morning Show Host and Senior Political Correspondent with KNX1070, CBS Newsradio, provided insights on how to best address the media, especially when controversial topics arise in the pediatric dental industry.