



Injury Prevention + SEEK: New QI Program Combines Child Abuse Screening and Injury Prevention

Earn Part IV and Part II MOC Credit this year with the Ohio AAP's Injury Prevention Plus SEEK (Safe Environment for Every Kid) Learning Collaborative. This project will teach primary care physicians how to implement a hybrid of the Ohio AAP's Injury Prevention Screening Tool and the nationally recognized SEEK Tool, allowing physicians to more efficiently and effectively screen for child abuse, domestic partner violence, as well as the most common injury risks for children birth to four years of age.

Why Address Injuries?

Injuries are the number one cause of morbidity and mortality among children in the United States. In children less than one year of age, unsafe sleep positioning and environments, motor vehicle collisions, drowning, and physical abuse most commonly cause these injuries. Screening for risk, and counseling families on age appropriate safety behaviors, is every healthcare provider's responsibility. However, many practitioners, do not adequately or consistently address these topics during well child visits.

Why Address Family Environment?

Child maltreatment continues to be a major problem in the United States, with over 3.3 million reports made to Child Protective Services annually, involving about 6 million children. Maltreated children are at risk for many short- and long-term negative consequences, including medical, development, learning, social and mental health problems.

There is more to keeping children healthy than treating ear infections and providing preventative care, such as delivering immunizations. Parental depression, substance use in the home and food insecurity are psychosocial problems that can impact a families' ability to care for and raise healthy children. The mission of SEEK is to strengthen families, support parents and parenting and thereby promote children's health, development and safety – and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

Addressing Injuries and Family Environment at Well Child Visits for Children from Birth to 4 Years Old

The Ohio AAP's Injury Plus SEEK collaborative aims to build upon the existing relationships between primary care providers and families by addressing these potential problems and risky behaviors. Two screening tools (birth to 1 year, and 1-4 years) have been developed for easy implementation into clinical practice to allow providers to seamlessly screen for risks. These tools also include talking points for practitioners to address risky behaviors and psychosocial problems, including:

- Alcohol and Substance Use
- Food Insecurity
- Family Relations
- Maternal Depression/Parental Stress
- Fall Prevention
- Car Safety
- Safe Sleep
- Water Safety
- Fire/Burn Safety

Benefits of Participation in the Injury Plus SEEK Learning Collaborative

On July 13, 2017, the Injury Plus SEEK Learning Collaborative will launch Wave 1 for interested primary care providers; Wave 2 of this learning collaborative will launch in January 2018. Throughout the six-month collaborative, participating providers will receive:

- Training to briefly assess and initially help address risky behaviors and prevalent psychosocial problems
- Screening tools to assess these risky behaviors and psychosocial problems in children from birth to 4 years of age
- Easy to use scoring sheets and recommended talking points for each area identified as risky
- Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV credit for up to 21 medical specialties participating as part of the American Board of Medical Specialties (including 25 points by the American Board of Pediatrics and 20 points by the American Board of Family Medicine)
- 10 points of American Board of Pediatrics MOC Part II Self-Assessment
- Networking opportunities with other healthcare providers interested in injury and child abuse prevention
- Community resources for family referral to address psychosocial concerns and risky behaviors
- Sleep sacks for distribution to patients in your office
- A cash stipend to assist with time and expenses of project implementation
- Guidance and quality improvement coaching from the Ohio AAP

For more information on the Injury Prevention Plus SEEK Learning Collaborative, or to register to participate, please contact Hayley Southworth, at hsouthworth@ohioaap.org or (614) 846-6258, or visit <http://ohioaap.org/SEEK>.