



TALKING POINTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2065

SILVER NITRATE APPLICATION BY REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENISTS

- Silver Nitrate has been used to control caries for over 100 years
- Fell out of favor 60 years ago for unknown reasons
- In the last decade a new epidemic of dental caries has arrived in low-income children and seniors. Few current tools exist for controlling this disease that are effective. If existing products had been effective there would be no epidemic of caries today.
- Dialogue currently exists between clinicians and scientists to evaluate historical therapies that have been effective in treating caries.
- In the past 7 years, thousands of patients have been treated successfully with Silver Nitrate to arrest their dental disease.
- Silver Nitrate has proven to be safe, effective and affordable.
- This protocol can be delegated to Registered Dental Hygienists and easily delivered to those populations most in need in their own communities.

References can be obtained at:

www.mmclibrary.com

www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/oralhealth/