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Save the Date...

The 2014 Oral Health Kansas Conference will be November 6-8

Salina Water Fluoridation Repeal to be on Ballot in November



On July 31, the [Salina County Clerk confirmed](#) that the issue of rescinding Salina's 46-year-old water fluoridation ordinance will be on the November ballot. An anti-fluoridation group that calls itself Salina Cares submitted petitions to the County Clerk's office asking for the issue to be placed on the ballot.

In 1968, the city of Salina began fluoridated the community's water, which means residents have enjoyed the health benefits of fluoridation for nearly five decades. Water fluoridation is one of the most effective and proven methods of reducing tooth decay. It also was named one of the ten greatest public health achievements of the 20th century by the Centers for Disease Control.

at Wichita State
University.



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Dental Champions Corner

Nominations are now being accepted for the Outstanding Dental Champion Award. Access the award nomination form [here](#).



OHK Awards

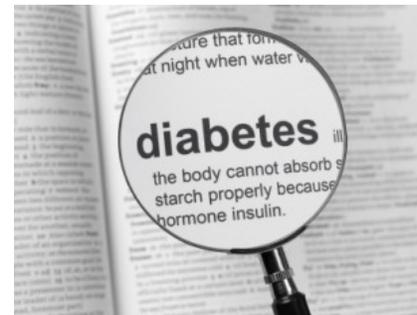
Don't forget to submit your nominations for the annual Excellence in Oral Health Awards! Visit our [awards page](#) for more information.

The water fluoridation issue joins three other issues on the ballot for Salina voters to consider, including increasing the size of the County Commission, a new sales tax for the judicial center, and whether raffles should be allowed in Kansas.

To learn more about water fluoridation in Kansas, please visit [Fluoride in Kansas](#). Please email info@oralhealthkansas.org to learn how you can help Salinans keep fluoridating their water.

Working Together to Manage Diabetes

Diabetes creates many complications for our bodies, including issues in oral health. There is an increased prevalence of gum disease in diabetics, and emerging research also suggests that the relationship between serious gum disease and diabetes is two-way in that gum disease can affect blood glucose and further the progression of diabetes.



Diabetes not only affects the mouth, but also produces complications in the eyes, feet, and medication management. The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) is working to unite these disciplines to provide more collaborative care. NDEP and the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently produced a [toolkit](#) for Pharmacy, Podiatry, Optometry, and Dentistry (PPOD) to educate and advise patients about diabetes control and prevention. NDEP is also hosting [three, free webinars](#) for PPOD and other interested care providers. These webinars focus on diabetes care and how PPOD can provide cross-disciplinary treatment referrals.

See how much you know about diabetes and oral health with [this quiz](#) provided by the American Diabetes Association.

Traveling Sugary Drink Display



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Reserve our traveling Sugary Drink Display for your business or event! Displays are available from June onward and reservations are made for one month at a time. Return postage is covered by Oral Health Kansas. [E-mail Sarah here](#) if you would like to make a reservation.

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please contact us at info@oralhealthkansas.org.

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