

Organizations That Recognize the Public Health Benefits of Community Water Fluoridation for Preventing Dental Decay

Canadian Organizations:

Alberta Dental Association

Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services

Chief Dental Officer Canada

Health Canada

Canadian Dental Association

Canadian Dental Hygienist Association

Canadian Pediatric Society

Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry

Canadian Medical Association

Canadian Nurses Association

Canadian Public Health Association

College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia

Saskatchewan Ministry of Health

College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan

Medical Health Officers' Council of Saskatchewan

Ontario Association for Public Health Dentistry

Ontario Dental Association

Ontario Medical Association

Public Health Ontario

L'Ordre des hygiénistes dentaires du Québec

La Direction de la santé publique de Montréal

La Faculté de médecine dentaire de l'Université McGill

La Fédération des médecins omnipraticiens du Québec

La table de concertation des hygiénistes dentaires en santé communautaire des

L'Association des dentistes en santé publique du Québec

L'Association des pédiatres du Québec

Le Collège des médecins du Québec

L'Hôpital de Montréal pour enfants

L'Hôpital Ste-Justine pour enfants

L'Ordre des dentistes du Québec

L'Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec

Nutrition Directors

American Organizations:

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

American Dental Association

American Medical Association

Academy of General Dentistry

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

American Association of Public Health Dentistry

American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine

Academy for Sports Dentistry

Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Alzheimer's Association

[American Academy of Family Physicians](#) -

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

American Academy of Periodontology

American Academy of Physician Assistants

American Association for Community Dental Programs

American Association for Dental Research

American Association for Dental Research

American Association for Health Education

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Association of Endodontists

American Association of Hospital Dentists

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

American Association of Orthodontists

American Association of Women Dentists

American Center for Science in the Public Interest

American Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

American Children's Dental Health Project

American Chocolate Manufacturers Association
(American) Consumer Federation of America
American College of Dentists
American College of Preventive Medicine
American College of Prosthodontists
American Council on Science and Health
American Dental Assistants Association
American Dental Education Association
American Dental Hygienists' Association
American Dietetic Association
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
American Fluoridation Society
American Hospital Association
American Institute of Nutrition
American Legislative Exchange Council
American Nurses Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Pharmaceutical Association
American Pharmacists Association
American Public Health Association
American School Health Association
American Society for Clinical Nutrition
American Society for Geriatric Dentistry
American Society for Nutritional Sciences
American Student Dental Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
American Water Works Association
America's Health Insurance Plans
Association for Academic Health Centers
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Clinicians for the Underserved
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Association of State and Territorial Public Health
Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors
Child Welfare League of America

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Federation of American Hospitals
Food and Nutrition Board
Health Insurance Association of America
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Indian Dental Association (U.S.A.)
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
Mayo Clinic
National Academy of Science
National Association of Community Health Centers
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Dental Assistants
National Association of Local Boards of Health
National Association of Social Workers
National Confectioners Association
National Council Against Health Fraud
National Dental Assistants Association
National Dental Association
National Dental Hygienists' Association
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Down Syndrome Society
National Eating Disorders Association
National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped
National Head Start Association
National Health and Medical Research Council
National Health Council
National Health Law Program
National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
National Institute of Dental Research
Oral Health America
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Society for Public Health Education
Society of American Indian Dentists
Special Care Dentistry
The Children's Health Fund
The Dental Health Foundation (of California)

U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
U.S. Public Health Service
[U.S. Surgeon General](#)

International Organizations:

Academy of Dentistry International
FDI World Dental Federation - Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI)
[World Health Organization \(WHO\) -](#)

International Association for Dental Research
International Association for Orthodontics
International College of Dentists
Pan American Health Organization
World Federation of Orthodontists

Australia New South Wales Department of Health
Australian Dental Association (ADA)
Australian Health Ministers' Conference
Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)
Public Health Association of Australia
British Dental Association
British Fluoridation Society
British Medical Association
European Organization for Caries Research
Great Britain Ministry of Health
New Zealand Ministry of Health
Hispanic Dental Association
Indian Health Service
Institute of Medicine
Royal College of Dental Surgeons
Royal College of Physicians (London)
UK Department of Health

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[American Cancer Society](#) - The general consensus among the reviews done to date is that there is no strong evidence of a link between water fluoridation and cancer. However, several of the reviews noted that further studies are needed to clarify the possible link. More recent studies have compared the rates of osteosarcoma in areas with higher versus lower levels of fluoridation in Great Britain, Ireland, and the United States. These studies have not found an increased risk of osteosarcoma in areas of water fluoridation.

This is a statement concerning the lack of known cancer risks, NOT a position statement in favor of fluoridation.

[National Kidney Foundation](#) - The benefits of water and dental products containing fluoride is the prevention of tooth decay and dental cavities in people of all ages.

The references on this page are an interesting read that describe how the organization's endorsement of fluoridation was challenged by an anti-fluoridation lawyer. The site references benefits of fluoridation and provides recommendations for dealing with fluoridation for those with chronic kidney disease. The NKF does not recommend stopping fluoridation.

[National Cancer Institute](#) – Recently [2011], researchers examined the possible relationship between fluoride exposure and osteosarcoma in a new way: they measured fluoride concentration in samples of normal bone that were adjacent to a person's tumor. Because fluoride naturally accumulates in bone, this method provides a more accurate measure of cumulative fluoride exposure than relying on the memory of study participants or municipal water treatment records. The analysis showed no difference in bone fluoride levels between people with osteosarcoma and people in a control group who had other malignant bone tumors.

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European Food Safety Authority - Though fluoride is not essential for tooth development, exposure to fluoride leads to incorporation into the hydroxyapatite of the developing tooth enamel and dentin. The resulting fluorohydroxyapatite is more resistant to acids than hydroxyapatite. Thus, teeth which contain fluoroapatite are less likely to develop caries. Apart from incorporation of fluoride into the dentin and enamel of teeth before eruption, dietary fluoride exerts an anticaries effect on erupted teeth through contact with enamel during consumption, excretion into saliva and uptake into biofilms on teeth. In addition, fluoride interferes with the metabolism of oral microbial cells, by directly inhibiting, for example, glycolytic enzymes and cell membrane-associated H⁺ ATPases in microbial cells after entry of hydrofluoric acid into their cytoplasm. **This is a statement of recognized benefits, NOT a position statement.**