Spark Training – Developmental Surveillance

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**What is developmental surveillance?**

- Developmental surveillance is the ongoing process of monitoring a child’s development at each health supervision visit and recognizing those who may be at risk of developmental delays.
6 COMPONENTS OF DEVELOPMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

1. Talk with parents to elicit any concerns.
2. Take a developmental history.
3. Observe the child.
4. Identify risks, strengths, and protective factors.
5. Document the process and findings.
6. Communicate with others.
Why is Developmental Surveillance Important?
**How is Developmental Surveillance Different from Developmental Screening?**

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<td>• Ongoing monitoring of a child’s development</td>
<td>• Use of validated, standardized tests at recommended ages</td>
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<td>• DOES NOT require the use of specific tests</td>
<td>• Should also be conducted if the parent, caretaker, or clinician has any concerns</td>
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<td>• If surveillance indicates a concern, screening is conducted</td>
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Developmental Surveillance Resources
DEVELOPMENTAL SURVEILLANCE RESOURCES

https://shop.aap.org/milestones

https://pediatriccare.solutions.aap.org/webinars.aspx

https://pediatriccare.solutions.aap.org/screening


https://players.brightcove.net/6056665225001/KSSGZDkp6_default/index.html?videoId=618217344001

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sceYLUHhgnU&feature=youtu.be

https://shop.aap.org/milestones-matter-dont-underestimate-developmental-surveillance/
**Developmental Surveillance in Action**

- How does the existing partnership between the medical home and family impact the conversation about developmental concerns?
- Why was it important to ask about findings from other early childhood professionals?
- How might the story be different if the team/clinician did not ask about findings from others?
- How can providing information back to the early childhood professional help?
HOW CAN DEVELOPMENTAL SURVEILLANCE BE IMPLEMENTED IN THIS PRACTICE?
REFERENCES


• Bright Futures 4th Edition Table 1 Developmental Milestones for Developmental Surveillance at Preventative Care Visits. p85.


Thank you!

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