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Sun I: Educational protection I: Educational counseling I: Educational for children P: Age : primary care practice patterns and effect of an intervention on clinicians.

OBJECTIVES To describe current primary care sun I: Educational protection I: Educational advice I: Educational for children and assess the effect on clinicians of an intervention to enhance their sun protection advocacy.

SETTING Primary care practices caring for children P: Age in New Hampshire with special attention to clinicians serving 10 P: Sample size towns that were involved in a randomized controlled trial of the multicomponent I: Physical SunSafe I: Physical intervention I: Physical involving schools, recreation areas, and primary care practices.

DESIGN/INTERVENTION A statewide survey of all primary care clinicians serving children P: Age addressed their self-reported sun protection advocacy practices. Clinicians in 10 P: Sample size systematically selected rural towns were involved in the subsequent intervention study. The primary care intervention provided assistance to practices in establishing an office system that promoted sun protection advice to children P: Age and their parents during office visits.

MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES Sun O: Other protection O: Other promotion O: Other activities of primary care clinicians as determined by their self report, research assistant observation, and parent interviews.

RESULTS Of 261 P: Sample size eligible clinicians responding to the statewide survey, about half provide sun protection counseling "most of the time" or "almost always" during summer well care visits. Pediatricians do so more often than family physicians. Clinicians involved in the intervention increased their use of handouts, waiting I: Educational room I: Educational educational I: Educational materials I: Educational , and sunscreen samples. Compared with control town parents, parents in intervention towns reported an increase in clinician sun protection advice.

CONCLUSIONS The SunSafe I: Physical primary care intervention I: Educational increased sun protection counseling activities of participating clinicians. A single-focus preventive service office system is feasible to include in community interventions to promote sun protection.