What Do the Leading Health and Medical Authorities Say About Community Water Fluoridation?

“Studies conducted throughout the past 65 years have consistently shown that fluoridation of community water supplies is safe and effective in preventing dental decay in both children and adults.”

**The American Dental Association**

“Fluoride plays a very important role in the prevention of dental [decay]. Although the primary mechanism of action of fluoride in preventing dental [decay] is topical, systemic mechanisms are also important.”

**The American Academy of Pediatrics**

“For many years, panels of experts from different health and scientific fields have provided strong evidence that water fluoridation is safe and effective.”

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

“Fluoridation of public water supplies is a safe, economical and effective measure to prevent dental [decay].”

**The American Academy of Family Physicians**

“Evidence continues to reaffirm that community water fluoridation is effective, safe, inexpensive, and is associated with significant cost savings.”

**The Institute of Medicine**

“Much of the credit for the nation’s better oral health can be attributed to the decision in the 1940s to begin adding fluoride to public drinking water systems.”

**The American Public Health Association**

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