The OHNEP Interprofessional Oral Health Faculty Toolkit

Nurse Midwifery Program

CURRICULUM INTEGRATION OF INTERPROFESSIONAL ORAL HEALTH CORE COMPETENCIES:

- Midwifery Health Assessment of Women & Gynecology
- Midwifery Care During Pregnancy
- Midwifery Care of Women During Labor, Birth,
 Postpartum & Care of Newborns
- Resources





INTRODUCTION



The **Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice (OHNEP)** program has developed an **Interprofessional Oral Health Faculty Tool Kit** to provide you with user-friendly curriculum templates and teaching-learning resources to use when integrating oral health and its links to overall health in your Nurse Midwifery Program.

Oral health and its relation to overall health has been identified as an important population health issue. Healthy People 2020 (2011), the 2011 IOM Reports, Advancing Oral Health in America and Improving Access to Oral Health Care for Vulnerable and Underserved Populations, as well as the IPEC Competencies (2016), challenged HRSA to develop interprofessional oral health core competencies for primary care providers. Publication of the HRSA report, Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care Practice (2014), reflects those interprofessional oral health competencies that can be used by Nurse Midwives for faculty development, curriculum integration and establishment of "best practices" in clinical settings.

The HRSA interprofessional oral health core competencies, the IPEC competencies and the NONPF core competencies provide the framework for the curriculum templates and resources. Exciting teaching-learning strategies that take students from **Exposure** to **Immersion** to **Competence** can begin in the classroom, link to simulated or live clinical experiences and involve community-based service learning, advocacy and policy initiatives as venues you can readily use to integrate oral health into your existing primary care curriculum. The Nurse Midwifery Program curriculum template illustrates how oral health can be integrated into health promotion, health assessment and clinical management courses.

The *Smiles for Life* interprofessional oral health curriculum provides a robust web-based resource for you to use along with the oral health curriculum template for each course. A good place to begin oral health integration is by transitioning the **HEENT** component of the history and physical exam to the **HEENOT** approach. In that way, you and your students will **NOT** forget about including oral health in patients encounters.

Research evidence continues to reveal an integral relationship between oral and systemic health. Diabetes, sexually transmitted infections, and eating disorders are but a few of the health problems that have oral manifestations that can be treated or referred to our dental colleagues. It is important for midwives on the frontline of primary care to have the oral health competencies necessary to recognize both normal and abnormal oral conditions and provide patients with education, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and referral as needed..

We encourage you and your students to explore the resources in the templates as you "weave" oral health and its links to overall health into your Nurse Midwifery Program. If you need additional technical assistance, please feel free to contact us at OHNEP@nyu.edu.



Midwifery Curriculum Integration of Interprofessional Oral Health Competencies in Health Assessment of Women and Gynecology

MIDWIFERY
HEALTH
ASSESSMENT
OF WOMEN &
GYNECOLOGY

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Values and Ethics. Roles and Responsibilities Communication. Teams & Teamwork

HRSA Oral Health Competencies: Oral Health Risk Assessment, Oral Health Evaluation, Oral Health Preventive Intervention. Communication

ACNM Competencies: Incorporation of scientific evidence into clinical practice; Collaboration with other members of the interprofessional health care team: Consultation for sexual behaviors that promote health and prevent disease

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CONSTRUCTS

1) EXPOSURE: INTRODUCTION

KNOWLEDGE: RISK FACTORS FOR ORAL DISEASES IN WOMEN

Goal: Describe oral disease risk factors for adolescent and adult women

Read:

- · Women's oral health: why sex and gender matter (Niessen et al. 2013)
- Dietary behaviors and oral-systemic health in women (Kim et al., 2013)

2) IMMERSION: DEVELOPMENT

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Include oral health in history and risk assessment (HEENOT) in simulation lab

 Read and discuss ADA Adult Caries Risk Assessment Tool for patients over age 6 (Appendix 1)

KNOWLEDGE: ORAL CARE IN GYN, WELL-WOMAN, & PRECONCEPTION VISITS

Goal: Describe oral exam of the adolescent and adult woman

- Complete Smiles for Life (SFL) Modules #1, 3, 7, including Clinical Cases, and submit SFL certificates of completion
- Read Evaluation of a midwifery initiated oral health-dental service program to improve oral health and birth outcomes for pregnant women (George et al., 2018)

KNOWLEDGE: COMMON WOMEN'S ORAL

• Domestic Violence: Enhancing Dental

Goal: Describe oral manifestations of common

Professionals' Response to Domestic Violence

gastroesophageal reflux disease (Ranjitkar et al.,

Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Your Mouth

Review Oral Abnormalities in the SFL Photo

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Include oral health in physical exam (HEENOT) in simulation lab

- Develop a strategy to promote smoking cessation (review resources at http://women.smokefree.gov/)
- Review American Cancer Society Fact Sheets

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Demonstrate understanding of health literacy and strategies to improve oral health behaviors

Read:

- Universal Screening for Intimate Partner Violence in Health Care Settings (Milaney & Williams, 2018)
- The epidemiology of oral HPV infection in healthy populations (Tam et al., 2018)
- Following health literacy principles, create a patient brochure demonstrating how practicing good oral hygiene is essential to maintaining good overall health

3) COMPETENCE: ENTRY-TO-PRACTICE

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Demonstrate competency in oral health history and risk assessment in gynecological, well-woman, and preconception visits in clinical setting

- Document oral health history and risk factors findings in electronic health record
- Read: Letters to the Editor: Letters on Preconception Counseling and Care (Silk, 2014)

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

SUMMATIVE

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Goal: Demonstrate competency in oral health history, risk assessment and HEENOT in gynecological, well-woman, and preconception visits in clinical setting

- Read: Putting the Mouth Back in the Head: **HEENT to HEENOT (Haber et al, 2015)**
- Document HEENOT findings in electronic health record
- Develop a community dental resource network and have a list of accessible dental providers, including those who accept Medicaid, to offer to your patients

COLLABORATIVE CASE PRESENTATION

Goal: Identify a collaborative care plan for female patient with an eating disorder and dental erosion

 WHNP and dental hygiene student will read Eating disorder risk behavior and dental implications among adolescents

(Hermont et al., 2013) and collaborate on case presentation, including plan for patient education, prevention, anticipatory guidance, referral and follow-up care

Gallery on the mobile app

(Mouth Healthy)

HEALTH ISSUES

Read:

health problems in women

(Shanel-Hogan et al., 2005)

• GERD: Oral manifestations of



Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum

Access Smiles for Life Modules and Resources here:

https://smilesforlifeoralhealth.org







Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum

Download Smiles for Life Modules

To download the SFL Modules for classroom instruction:

1. Go to

https://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org

- 2. Select "Teach Curriculum"
- 3. Select the course(s) you would like to download.
- 4. Select "Download Module"

Download PowerPoint Presentation

Instructions



- 1. Click the appropriate link below
- 2. Select "Save" (NOT "Open")
- Browse to choose desired location, and save file (some browsers may default to saving to the Downloads folder)
- The presentation is a PowerPoint slide show (.pps) which when opened will automatically display in presentation mode.
- To run the slide show, click on the file. Advance the slides using your mouse or the space bar. To exit slide show, click the ESC button.
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Download Module Module 2:



Teaching Case for Small
Group Instruction: Pediatric
Learner Version

Moderator Version





Knee-to-Knee Child Oral Exam





Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum

Recognizing Oral Abnormalities

Download the Smiles for Life mobile app to access the Photo Gallery.

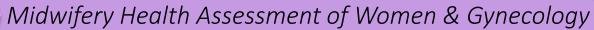
Midwifery Students should find and review the following oral abnormalities:

- Enamel erosion
- Gingivitis
- Periodontitis
- Apthous ulcers
- Oral papilloma from HPV
- Candidiasis

- Herpes
- Dental caries
- GERD
- Gingival Recession
- Gingivitis
- Periodontitis
- Graanuloma









American Dental Association Caries Risk Assessment Form (Ages >6)

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L	Fluoride Exposure (through drinking water, supplements, professional applications, toothpaste)	□Yes	□No	
I.	Sugary Foods or Drinks (including juice, carbonated or non-carbonated soft drinks, energy drinks, medicinal syrups)	Primarily at mealtimes		Frequent or prolonged between meal exposures/day
II.	Caries Experience of Mother, Caregiver and/or other Siblings (for patients ages 6-14)	No carious lesions in last 24 months	Carious lesions in last 7-23 months	Carious lesions in last 6 months
IV.	Dental Home: established patient of record, receiving regular dental care in a dental office	□Yes	□No	
	General Health Conditions Check or Circle the conditions that apply			nat apply
L	Special Health Care Needs (developmental, physical, medi- cal or mental disabilities that prevent or limit performance of adequate oral health care by themselves or caregivers)	□No	Yes (over age 14)	Yes (ages 6-14)
I.	Chemo/Radiation Therapy	□No		Yes
II.	Eating Disorders	□No	□Yes	
IV.	Medications that Reduce Salivary Flow	□No	□Yes	
V.	Drug/Alcohol Abuse	□No	Yes	
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I.	Teeth Missing Due to Caries in past 36 months	□No		□Yes
II.	Visible Plaque	□No	☐Yes	
IV.	Unusual Tooth Morphology that compromises oral hygiene	□No	□Yes	
V.	Interproximal Restorations - 1 or more	□No	☐Yes	
VI.	Exposed Root Surfaces Present	□No	□Yes	
VII.	Restorations with Overhangs and/or Open Margins; Open Contacts with Food Impaction	□No	□Yes	
VIII.	Dental/Orthodontic Appliances (fixed or removable)	□No	□Yes	
IX.	Severe Dry Mouth (Xerostomia)	□No		□Yes
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Midwifery Curriculum Integration of Interprofessional Oral Health Competencies in Care During Pregnancy

MIDWIFERY CARE DURING PREGNANCY

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Competencies: Values and Ethics, Roles and Responsibilities Interprofessional Communication, Teams & Teamwork

HRSA Oral Health Competencies:

Oral Health Risk Assessment, Oral Health Evaluation, Oral Health Preventive Intervention, Communication and Education

ACNM

Competencies: Incorporation of scientific evidence into clinical practice; Collaboration with other members of the interprofessional health care team; Identification of problems or diagnoses and

healthcare needs based on correct interpretation of subjective and objective data

CONSTRUCTS

1) EXPOSURE: INTRODUCTION

KNOWLEDGE: ORAL HEALTH IN PREGNANCY MYTHS

Goal: Identify common myths about oral health during pregnancy

Read:

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- Oral Health Care During Pregnancy: A National Consensus Statement (Oral Health Care During Pregnancy Expert Workgroup, 2012)
- Committee opinion no. 569: oral health care during pregnancy and through the lifespan (ACOG, 2013)

KNOWLEDGE: PRENATAL ORAL HEALTH CARE

Goal: Describe oral exam of the pregnant woman

- Complete <u>Smiles for Life (SFL)</u> Module #5, including Clinical Cases, and submit Certificate of Completion
- Read <u>The evaluation of an oral health</u> education program for midwives in Australia (George et al., 2016)

2) IMMERSION: DEVELOPMENT

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Demonstrate ability to dispel a common myth about oral health during pregnancy

 Students choose one of the myths listed in Pregnancy and Oral Health: Truth or Fiction (AAP, 2017) or Myths and Facts: The Pregnant Women's Guide to Dental Health (Delta Dental, 2016) and write an evidence-based argument to dispel one of the common myths about oral health during pregnancy

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Include oral health history, risk assessment and HEENOT in prenatal care in simulation lab

- Review Pharmacological Considerations for Pregnant Women (Appendix 1)
- Discuss safe antibiotic choices for pregnant women
- Discuss risk factors for periodontal disease in pregnancy

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Demonstrate understanding of health literacy and strategies to improve oral health behaviors

- Read Process evaluation of the midwifery initiated oral health-dental service program: perceptions of pregnant women (George et al., 2018)
- Choose brochures from Oral Health Care During Pregnancy (MCOH, 2017) and prepare a FAQ sheet about dental care during pregnancy for pregnant women

3) COMPETENCE: ENTRY-TO-PRACTICE

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Demonstrate ability to analyze contemporary issues, policies, and health care system(s) factors that influence oral-systemic health outcomes for mother and baby

• Identify a policy that would help pregnant women in your catchment area overcome barriers to accessing oral health care. Prepare a brief evidence-based speech to present this policy to your local representative.

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

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Goal: Demonstrate competency in oral health history, risk assessment and HEENOT in prenatal visit in clinical setting

- Read: Putting the Mouth Back in the Head: HEENT to HEENOT (Haber et al, 2015)
- Document HEENOT findings in electronic health record
- Develop a community dental resource network and have a list of accessible dental providers, including those who accept Medicaid, to offer to your pregnant patients

COLLABORATIVE CASE PRESENTATION

Goal: Identify a collaborative care plan for pregnant patient with periodontal disease

- Read Integrating a Nurse Midwife-Led Oral Health Intervention Into Centering Pregnancy Prenatal Care: Results of a Pilot Study (Adams et al., 2017)
- Collaborate with dental student/health professional on a case presentation, including comprehensive antepartum plan of care for the mother and baby, for a pregnant woman with periodontal disease
- Refer at-risk, first-time pregnant women to the local NFP program

KNOWLEDGE: COMMON DISCOMFORTS OF PREGNANCY

Goal: Describe common oral problems in pregnancy and how they can influence oralsystemic health outcomes for mother and baby

Read:

- Oral Health In Pregnancy (Hartnett et al., 2016)
- <u>Oral Health Care During Pregnancy</u> (MCOH, 2017)
- Watch Introduction & Oral Health in Pregnancy <u>Teeth for Two</u> online educational presentations (Password: nyu2014)







Oral Health Care During Pregnancy: A National Consensus Statement

Pharmaceutical Agent	Indications, Contraindications, and Special Considerations		
Analgesics			
Acetaminophen	May be used during pregnancy. Oral pain can often be managed with non-		
Acetaminophen with Codeine, Hydrocodone, or Oxycodone	opioid medication. If opioids are used, prescribe the lowest dose for the shortest duration (usually less than 3 days), and avoid issuing refills to reduce risk for dependency.		
Codeine			
Meperidine			
Morphine			
Aspirin	May be used in short duration during pregnancy; 48 to 72 hours. Avoid in 1st and 3rd trimesters.		
Ibuprofen			
Naproxen			
Antibiotics			
Amoxicillin	May be used during pregnancy.		
Cephalosporins	†		
Clindamycin			
Metronidazole			
Penicillin			
Ciprofloxacin	Avoid during pregnancy.		
Clarithromycin			
Levofloxacin			
Moxifloxacin			
Tetracycline	Never use during pregnancy.		
Anesthetics	Consult with a prenatal care health professional before using intravenous sedation or general anesthesia. Limit duration of exposure to less than 3 hours in pregnant women in the third trimester.		
Local anesthetics with epinephrine (e.g., Bupivacaine, Lidocaine, Mepivacaine)	May be used during pregnancy.		
Nitrous oxide (30%)	May be used during pregnancy when topical or local anesthetics are inadequate. Pregnant women require lower levels of nitrous oxide to achieve sedation; consult with prenatal care health professional.		
Antimicrobials	Use alcohol-free products during pregnancy.		
Cetylpyridinium chloride mouth rinse	May be used during pregnancy.		
Chlorhexidine mouth rinse			
Xylitol			

Pregnancy: A National Consense Statement, Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center.



Midwifery Curriculum Integration of Interprofessional Oral Health Competencies in Care of Women During Labor, Birth, Postpartum and Care of Newborns

MIDWIFERY CARE **OF WOMEN DURING LABOR. BIRTH, POST-PARTUM & CARE OF NEWBORNS**

IPEC

Values and Ethics. Roles and Interprofessional Communication, Teams & Teamwork

HRSA Oral Health Competencies: Oral Health Risk Assessment, Oral Health Oral Health Intervention. Communication and Education

ACNM Competencies: Incorporation of scientific evidence into clinical practice; Collaboration with other members of the interprofessional health care team: Development of plan in conjunction with woman and family for care of newborn for first 28 days of life including nationally defined goals and objectives for health promotion and disease prevention

CONSTRUCTS

1) EXPOSURE: INTRODUCTION

KNOWLEDGE: INFANT ORAL HEALTH **EDUCATION FOR NEW MOTHERS**

Goal: Describe importance of oral health for mother and baby

· Watch Infant Oral Health & ECC in Care of the Babies Teeth for Two Online Educational Presentation (Password: nyu2014)

2) IMMERSION: DEVELOPMENT

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Identify strategies for educating new mothers about infant oral health care

- Read Integrating Maternal and Children's Ora **Health Promotion into Nursing and Midwifery** Practice- A Systematic Review (Abou El Fadl et al., 2016)
- Review Lift the Lip Pamphlet (Appendix 1)
- Watch A Healthy Mouth for Your Baby video (NIDCR, 2013)

KNOWLEDGE: ORAL HEALTH CARE OF INFANT

Goal: Describe oral exam and oral care of newborn

Read:

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- Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Guidelines (CDA Foundation et al., 2010)
- Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Care (AAPD, 2016)

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Include oral health history, risk assessment and HEENOT when caring for newborn in simulation lab

· Following health literacy principles, develop an oral health FAQ sheet for new mothers

KNOWLEDGE: INFANT FEEDING

Goal: Describe relationship between infant

- Statement on Breastfeeding (2012)
- of tongue-tie division and its immediate effect on breastfeeding (Berry et al., 2012)

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Include oral assessment in infant breastfeeding assessment

- · Following health literacy principles, develop a brochure about breastfeeding and infant oral health for new mothers
- Role play an oral-health teaching-learning session with a postpartum mother demonstrating how to care for her baby's gums and teeth

3) COMPETENCE: ENTRY-TO-PRACTICE

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Develop a comprehensive, collaborative infant oral health education plan for postpartum mother

- Review National Center on Health and Cavity Free Kids (CFK) Tools (Appendices 2-8)
- Midwife and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner student collaborate to provide oral health education and anticipatory guidance for parent of newborn at pediatric clinic

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

SUMMATIVE

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Goal: Demonstrate competency in oral health history, risk assessment and HEENOT in postpartal and neonatal periods in clinical setting

- Review Putting the Mouth Back in the Head: **HEENT to HEENOT** (Haber et al, 2015)
- Document HEENOT findings in EHR
- Develop a community dental resource network and have a list of accessible pediatric dental providers, including those who accept Medicaid, to offer to new mothers
- Implement an oral health anticipatory guidance session with a new mother during the postpartum visit

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Identify a collaborative care plan for infant with ankyloglossia

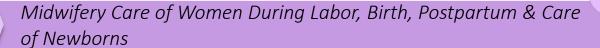
- Midwifery and dental student to collaborate on case presentation, including parent education on benefits of frenotomy and comprehensive care plan, for infant with tongue-tie
- Identify a list of pediatric dentists and/or oral surgeons in the community who perform frenotomies
- Refer at risk moms to the WIC program

feeding decisions and oral health

Read:

- American Academy of Pediatrics Policy
- Frenotomy for breastfed tongue-tied infants: A fresh look at an old procedure. (Mayer, 2012)
- Double- blind, randomized, controlled trial





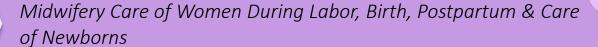


Lift the Lip Brochure



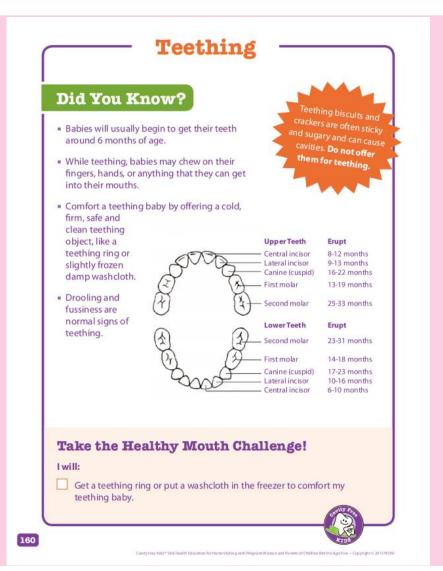








Cavity Free Kids: Teething



APPENDIX 3

Midwifery Care of Women During Labor, Birth, Postpartum & Care of Newborns



Healthy Habits for Happy Smiles: Helping Your Baby with Teething Pain

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Helping Your Baby with Teething Pain

t is exciting to see your baby's first tooth! Baby (primary) teeth begin to come in when your child is about 6 to 10 months old. For some babies, teething hurts. As teeth come in, babies might be cranky or drool more. They might have sore or swollen gums. And they may chew on things.





School readiness begins with health!

Tips for helping your baby with teething

- Check your child's teeth and mouth.
- Rub your baby's gums with a clean finger.
 The rubbing may make your baby's gums feel better.
- Find teething toys that have solid pieces.
 Loose pieces can break off and make your baby choke.
- It is best not to use teething toys that have liquid in them. Your baby could chew a hole into them.
- Don't put any teething toys or necklaces around your baby's neck. And don't pin or clip them to your baby's clothes. The toy could get tangled around your baby's neck and make her choke.

- Give your baby something cool to chew on. Clean, refrigerated spoons, pacifiers, teething rings, and wet washcloths are good choices. Don't put teething rings in the freezer. That makes them too cold for your baby's mouth.
- With your baby seated in a high chair, offer a chunk of frozen banana or plain bagel to chew on. Give your baby the whole piece of food. Don't cut it into small pieces. Keep an eye on your baby when she eats in case she chokes.
- Don't use teething gels or liquids on your baby's gums. They are not safe.



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APPENDIX 4

Midwifery Care of Women During Labor, Birth, Postpartum & Care of Newborns



Healthy Habits for Happy Smiles: Getting Fluoride for Your Child

Healthy Habits for Happy Smiles



Getting Fluoride for Your Child

luoride is found in nature in soil, plants, and water. Fluoride is safe. Drinking tap (faucet) water with fluoride, brushing with fluoride toothpaste, and having a health professional apply fluoride varnish to the teeth are important ways to make teeth strong and prevent tooth decay.







Fluoride in Water

- Since most water doesn't have enough natural fluoride to prevent tooth decay, many communities add fluoride to their water supply (tap water) used for drinking and cooking.
- Give your child tap water with fluoride. If you are not sure if your water has enough fluoride, ask your child's dental clinic for help in finding out.
- Some bottled waters contain fluoride, and some do not. Check with the bottled water's manufacturer to ask about the fluoride content of a particular brand.
- If your tap water does not have enough fluoride, ask your dental or medical clinic if your child needs fluoride drops or tablets.

Fluoride Toothpaste

- Brush your child's teeth after breakfast and before bed once the first tooth begins to show.
- Use a child-sized toothbrush with soft bristles and fluoride toothpaste.
- See Healthy Habits for Happy Smiles: Brushing Your Child's Teeth for more information.

Fluoride Varnish

- Fluoride varnish is painted on a child's teeth to prevent or reduce cavities.
- It is not permanent but keeps fluoride on the teeth for several hours.
- Fluoride varnish has a pleasant taste and is well tolerated by children.



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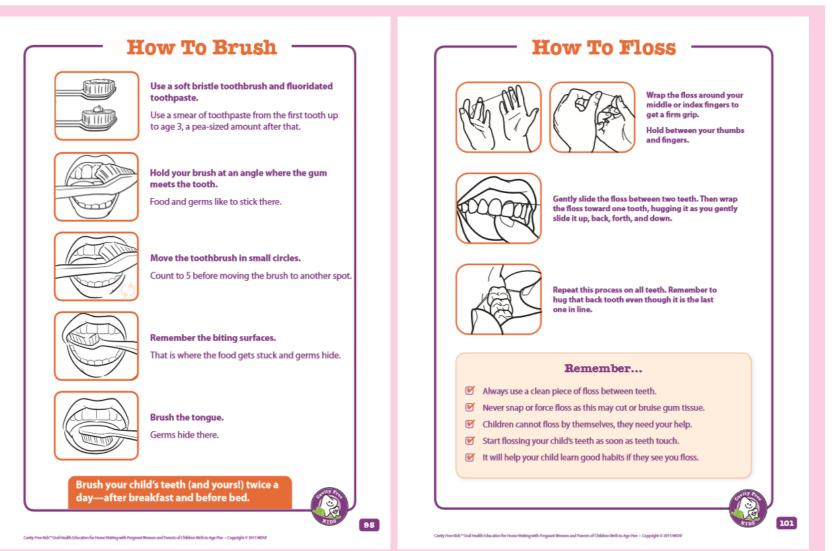




Midwifery Care of Women During Labor, Birth, Postpartum & Care of Newborns



Cavity Free Kids: How to Brush & How to Floss





Midwifery Care of Women During Labor, Birth, Postpartum & Care of Newborns



Cavity Free Kids: FAQ

Family Engagement FAQ

Cavity Free Kids > Family Engagement > Family Engagement FAQ

Q: When should I start brushing baby's teeth?

A: Clean baby's mouth like you clean the rest of her/him—even before teeth come in. Wipe baby's gums and tongue with a clean, moist cloth. When the first teeth come in, brush gently with a soft baby toothbrush, with a smear (rice-sized) amount of fluoride toothpaste.

Q: My baby is teething and is so fussy. What can I do?

A: Teething biscuits or cookies are not good for teeth. Try a cold teething ring or a clean moist cloth.

Q: My grandma told me to dip the baby's pacifier in honey to help him sleep. Honey is a natural sugar, so it won't hurt his/her teeth, will it?

A: Any kind of sugar or sticky food can cause tooth decay. Besides creating a problem for your child's teeth, honey is not recommended for infants because it may contain certain bacteria that could make your child sick.

Q: I only brush my baby's teeth 3 or 4 days each week. The last time I brushed I saw some very white spots on the front of her teeth. Does this mean that her teeth are really healthy?

A: Those white spots may be the beginning stages of tooth decay. When the teeth aren't brushed every day, the cavity-causing germs stay on teeth and can start to destroy the teeth. Check with the dentist right away in order to keep the white spots from developing into cavities.

Q: My mother watches my 18-month-old while I work. She lets my daughter walk around with a bottle of apple juice because it's less messy than a cup. What do I say to my mom?

A: You could use 3 different approaches:

- The "natural" sugar in juice can cause tooth decay. Sipping on sweet drinks covers your child's teeth in cavity-causing
 acids again and again each time she takes a sip. Those repeated "acid attacks" can weaken and destroy her teeth.
- Juice has no nutritional value. Try to serve whole fruits and vegetables since they have more nutrients and are higher
 in fiber which is good for everyone! Between meals, "water is first for thirst." This helps establish a healthy, waterdrinking habit.

Q: My two-year-old likes to eat toothpaste out of the tube. Will this help strengthen his teeth?

A: No. Children should not swallow toothpaste. Toothpaste is for teeth, not tummies. Remember—just a pea-sized amount! Putting the toothpaste on is a grown-up job. Keep toothpaste out of a child's reach.

Q: My two year-old brushes all by himself! We don't need to help him, do we?

A: It is wonderful that your child is showing independence, but two-year-olds do not have the coordination to brush well enough. After your child brushes, you can finish the job. Children need to be supervised and helped with brushing until they are between 6 and 8 years old or can tie their shoes.

Q: Why should I worry about baby teeth?

A: Baby teeth are important! They help children eat foods, form words, and hold space for adult teeth. Healthy baby teeth mean a healthy mouth for the adult teeth.

Q: We use a water filter at our house. Does this take out the fluoride?

A: The faucet or pitcher type filters do not remove fluoride from the water. Whole-house filtration or distilling systems usually remove fluoride. If your system removes the fluoride, check with your dentist or medical provider about giving your child fluoride drops or pills. Bottled water seldom has fluoride. It is better than a soft drink, but does not help strengthen the teeth like water with fluoride does.

Q: I don't know if we have fluoride in our water. How can I find out?

A: Call your water supplier-water company or city utility-to see if there is fluoride in the water



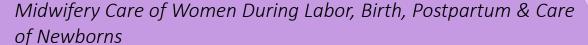
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Cavity Free Kids: Conversation Starters









Cavity Free Kids: Let's Talk Teeth & Let's Set Goals



Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.	Drink only water between meals.
If baby goes to sleep with a bottle, fill it only with water.	Eat tooth healthy foods for snacks and meals.
Eat during meals and snacks only rather than "grazing" during the day.	Find a dentist.
Make a dental appointment.	Follow-up with treatment appointments.
the client may choose to set another gool that is not listed	i.

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