The OHNEP Interprofessional Oral Health Faculty Toolkit

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program

CURRICULUM INTEGRATION OF INTERPROFESSIONAL ORAL HEALTH CORE COMPETENCIES:

- Introduction to Reproductive Healthcare of Women
- Ambulatory Care of Women
- Integrated Care of Women
- 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 Women's Health Nurse Practitioner 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 Women's Health Nurse Practitioners 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 Women's Health Nurse Practitioner 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 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 Women's Health Nurse Practitioners 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 Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program. If you need additional technical assistance, please feel free to contact us at **OHNEP@nyu.edu**.



WHNP Curriculum Integration of Interprofessional Oral Health Competencies

INTRODUCTION TO REPRO-DUCTIVE HEALTHCARE OF WOMEN

IPEC

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

HRSA Oral Health Competencies: Oral Health Risk Assessment, Oral Health Excluation, Oral Health Preventive Intervention, and Education

NONPF

NONPF
Competencies:
Integrates genderspecific evidence into
practice; Recognizes
disease manifestations
unique to women;
Provides infertility
and sexually transmitted
disease services to
sexual partners of
female patients

CONSTRUCTS

1) EXPOSURE: INTRODUCTION

KNOWLEDGE: RISK FACTORS FOR ORAL DISEASES IN WOMEN

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

Read:

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- A literature review on women's oral health across the lifespan (Kessler, 2017)
- 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)

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 Certificates of Completion
- <u>Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Your Mouth</u> (Mouth Healthy)
- HPV and Oropharyngeal Cancer (CDC 2018)
- Importance of a team approach to recommending the HPV vaccination (Fontenot et al., 2018)

KNOWLEDGE: COMMON WOMEN'S ORAL HEALTH ISSUES

Goal: Describe oral manifestations of common health problems in women

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- GERD: Oral manifestations of gastroesophageal reflux disease (Ranjitkar et al., 2012)
- The epidemiology of oral human papillomavirus infection in healthy populations (Tam et al., 2018)
- <u>Dental Students and Intimate Partner Violence</u> (Connor et al., 2011)
- Domestic Violence (Shanel-Hogan et al., 2005)
- Review Oral Abnormalities in the SFL Photo Gallery on the mobile app

2) IMMERSION: DEVELOPMENT

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

simulation lab for adolescent or adult women

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

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Include oral health in physical exam (HEENOT) in simulation lab for adolescent or adult women

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

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

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

- Read <u>Universal Screening for Intimate</u>
 Partner Violence in Health Care Settings:
 Weighing the Options and Identifying Best
 Practices (Milaney & Williams, 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 <u>Letters to the Editor: Letters on</u>

 <u>Preconception Counseling and Care</u> (Silk, 2014)

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

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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 <u>Putting the Mouth Back in the Head:</u> 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

 Students will read <u>Association between</u> poor oral health and eating disorders: <u>Systematic review and meta-analysis</u> (Kisely et al., 2015) and collaborate with dental health professional students on case presentation, including plan for patient education, prevention, anticipatory guidance, referral and follow-up care



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

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Download Module Module 2:



Teaching Case for Small Group Instruction: Pediatric

<u>Learner Version</u> <u>Moderator Version</u>





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.

WHNP 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

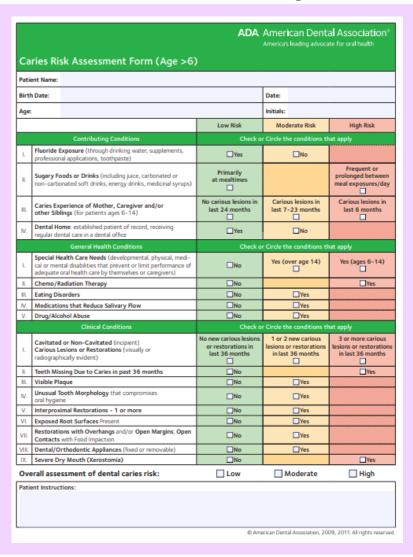




APPENDIX 1

Introduction to Reproductive Healthcare of Women

American Dental Association Caries Risk Assessment Form Age >6





WHNP Curriculum Integration of Interprofessional Oral Health Competencies

AMBULATORY CARE **OF WOMEN**

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

HRSA Oral Health

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

NONPF

Competencies: Advocates for healthcare policies and research that support accessible. equitable, safe and effective healthcare for women; Manages disease manifestations unique to women

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

KNOWLEDGE: COMMON DISCOMEORTS OF **PREGNANCY**

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

- Oral Health In Pregnancy (Hartnett et al., 2016)
- Oral Health Care During Pregnancy (MCOH, 2017)
- Read <u>Evaluation of a midwifery initiated oral</u> health-dental service program to improve oral health and birth outcomes for pregnant women (George et al., 2018)
- Watch Introduction & Oral Health in Pregnancy Teeth for Two online educational presentations (Password: nyu2014)

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 (MCOH, 2017) or Myths and Facts: The Pregnant Women's Guide to Dental Health (Delta Dental, 2016) and write an evidencebased 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
- 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.

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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

- 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
- Read Periodontal Disease and Pregnancy **Outcomes: Overview of Systematic** Reviews (Daalderop et al., 2017)
- Refer at risk, first-time pregnant women to the local NFP program



APPENDIX 1

Ambulatory Care of Women

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Oral Health Care During Pregnancy: A National Consensus Statement

Pharmacological Considerations for Pregnant Women The pharmacological agents listed below are to be used only for indicated medical conditions and with appropriate	
supervision.	
Pharmaceutical Agent	Indications, Contraindications, and Special Considerations
Analgesics	
Acetaminophen	May be used during pregnancy. Oral pain can often be managed with non- 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.
Acetaminophen with Codeine, Hydrocodone, or Oxycodone	
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 hour 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	



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INTEGRATED CARE OF WOMEN

Roles and Responsibilities Communication, Teams & Teamwork

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

Communication

and Education

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NONPF

Competencies: Integrates research, theory and evidencebased practice knowledge to develop dinical approaches that address women's responses to physical and mental health and illness across lifespan; Provides counseling. management and/or referral based on identified healthcare risk

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)
- Guidelines on Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Care (AAPD, 2016)
- American Academy of Pediatrics Policy Statement on Breastfeeding (2012)
- Should family physicians perform frenotomy for neonatal ankyloglossia? (Adragna & Khodaee, 2016)

KNOWLEDGE: ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING **MENOPAUSE**

Goal: Understand oral health issues during menopause Read:

- Oral Manifestations of Menopause: An Interprofessional Intervention for Dental **Hygiene and Physician Assistant Students** (Rothmund et al., 2017)
- Crosstalk between hormones and oral health in the mid-life of women (Grover et al, 2014)
- Menopause and oral health (Suri & Suri, 2014)

KNOWLEDGE: OLDER ADULT PRIMARY CARE

Goal: Recognize oral health needs of older adults

- Randomised clinical trial: Efficacy of strategies to provide oral hygiene activities to nursing home residents with dementia who resist mouth care (Jablonski et al., 2018)
- Ensuring Oral Health for Older Individuals with **Intellectual and Development Disabilities** (Waldman & Perlman, 2012)

2) IMMERSION: DEVELOPMENT

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

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

- Read Nursing strategies to reduce the incidence of early childhood caries in culturally diverse populations (Hallas et al., 2011)
- Review Lift the Lip Pamphlet (Appendix 1) Review National Center on Health and Cavity Free Kids (CFK) Tools (Appendices 2-8)
- Watch A Healthy Mouth for Your Baby (NIDCR, 2013)

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Include oral health history, risk assessment and HEENOT when caring for women in menopause

• Following health literacy principles, develop an oral health FAQ sheet of oral healthassociated problems and solutions for women in menopause

maintenance services to older adults

Collaborate together on Discussion Board on:

3) COMPETENCE: ENTRY-TO-PRACTICE

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

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

- Collaborate with Pediatric Nurse Practitioner student to provide oral health education and anticipatory guidance for parent of newborn at pediatric clinic
- Read Integrating Maternal and Children's Oral Health Promotion into Nursing and Midwifery Practice- A Systematic Review (Abou El Fadl et al., 2016)

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

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Goal: Identify a collaborative care plan for women with oral health problems related to menopause

 Collaborate with dental student/health professional to collaborate on case presentation including education, prevention, treatment and referral

COLLABORATIVE CASE STUDY

Goal: Collaborate interprofessionally on geriatric case with cognitive decline and oral health needs

Read:

- Oral Health and Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (Kaufman et al., 2016)
- Periodontal disease and the special needs patient (Brown et al., 2017)
- Oral Health Care for Older Adults with Serious Illness: When and How? (Chen & Kistler, 2015)
- Oral Health in Residential Aged Care (Villarosa et al., 2018)

SKILL/BEHAVIOR

Goal: Provide comprehensive health

• Cardiovascular case study (Appendix 9)

• Diabetes case study (Appendix 10)

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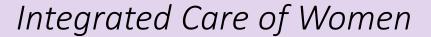


Lift the Lip Brochure



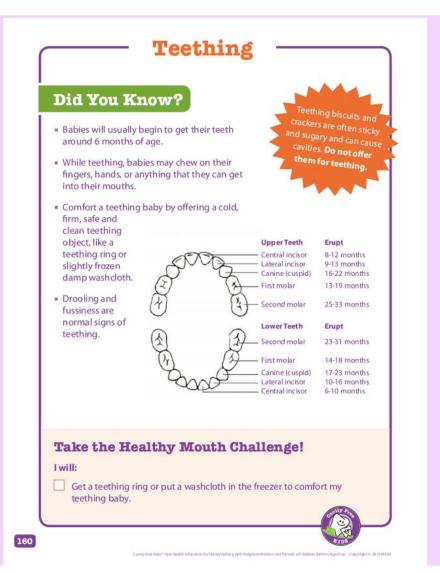








Cavity Free Kids: Teething



APPENDIX 3

Integrated Care of Women



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

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Helping Your Baby with Teething Pain

I 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

Integrated Care of Women



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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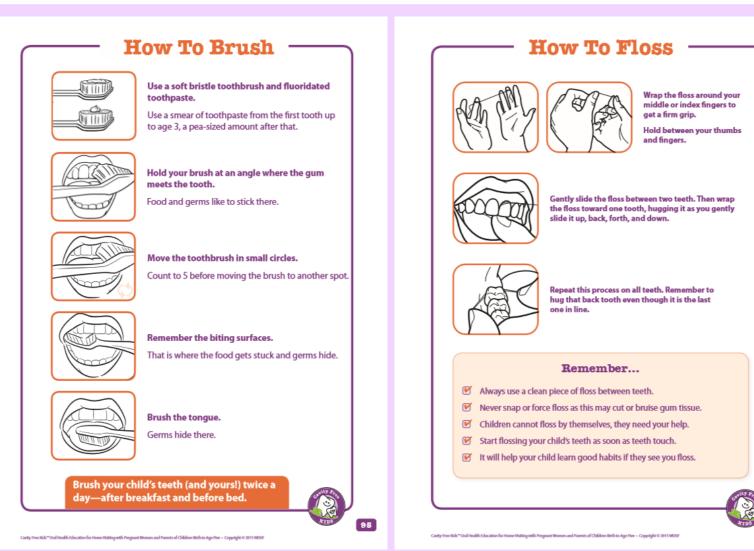








Cavity Free Kids: How to Brush & How to Floss







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.

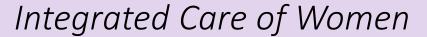
Q: We use a water filter at our house. Does this take out the fluoride?

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.







Cavity Free Kids: Conversation Starters







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









Cardiovascular Disease Case Study

Design an oral exam and treatment plan for a 61 year old woman with a prosthetic mitral valve who will undergo deep cleaning of her gingival and gingival pockets.

What are your treatment plans if this patient is allergic to PCN?





Diabetes Case Study

A 65 year old Hispanic female, Mrs. M., was referred by the Dental clinic because of early evidence of periodontal disease. The patient has family history of Type 2 Diabetes (T2D) and history of caring for her diabetic grandfather for many years. She described herself as an expert in diabetes because of the years of caring for her ailing diabetic grandfather. During the health history, she complained of symptoms of hyperglycemia: fatigue, thirst, and weight loss. On physical exam, her blood pressure was 160/95, BMI of 31, random blood sugar of 332 mg/dl, and HgbA1c > 13%. She was diagnosed with T2D and obesity. She was started on Metformin twice a day and was counseled on diet and physical activity. The patient was referred back to dentistry for continued periodontal care in light of her new diagnosis of T2D.

What is the follow-up nursing primary care action plan for Mrs. M.?
What are the 3 months follow-up outcomes?

- Oral Health History
- Physical Health Exam
- Oral-Systemic Risk Assessment
- Action Plan
- Preventive Interventions
- Interventions
- Collaboration
- Referrals

RESOURCES



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