



Infant Oral Care Guidelines for Dental Providers

All children should have their first dental visit by 12 months of age.
This visit should include at a minimum: Oral Health Risk Assessment/Exam/Fluoride Varnish/Anticipatory guidance including self management goal setting.
Dental caries must be managed as a chronic disease beginning with preventive interventions in infancy.

Risk Assessment

- ✓ Parent Interview
(see risk assessment form)
 - ☛ Mother's/Caregiver's Oral Health
 - ☛ Exam (knee to knee)
 - ☛ Feeding Habits/Diet

Low Risk

Box #1

- ✓ Develop individualized treatment plan
- ✓ Age specific anticipatory guidance (including counsel parent/caregiver to get dental home)
- ✓ Motivational interview/self management goal
- ✓ 6 months recare visit
- ✓ Refer to medical home

Extreme Risk

Box #3

For **Extreme Risk** Do Everything in Box 1 & 2 and add:

- ✓ Re-evaluation visit every 1 months
(include: fl varnish, risk assessment, self management goal setting)

Mother/Caregiver Recommendations for high risk kids:

- ✓ Chlorhexidine rinse for caregiver
- ✓ OTC fluoride / 2X day
- ✓ Xylitol gum

High Risk

Box #2

For High Risk Kids, do everything in box 1 and:

Child Recommendations:

- ✓ OTC fluoride / 2X day
- ✓ 3 month re-evaluation visit including fluoride varnish
- ✓ If indicated, sealants, ART, glass ionomer
- ✓ Motivational interview/self management goal at every visit