

CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH

ORAL HEALTH IMPORTANCE



Oral health is crucial for children's overall well-being. Dental caries is a widespread and ongoing condition that can lead to serious effects both in the short and long term. More than 40% of children between the ages of 2 and 19 continue to be affected by this disease.³

VISIT DENTIST BY AGE ONE

Early detection of dental issues is important to the prevention of future dental caries. Children that visit the dentist by age one incur lower dental costs and fewer emergency visits.⁴



PREVENTION

An early dental visit can help detect early lesions, evaluate dental development, and provide guidance for parents on prevention-oriented interventions.¹



ORAL HYGIENE HABITS

An early visit to the dentist teaches parents proper dental care. First dental visits are mainly educational. The goal is to keep the child cavity-free.¹







CONSEQUENCES OF DELAYED DENTAL CARE

Kids with poor oral health are almost 3 times more likely to miss school because of dental pain.²

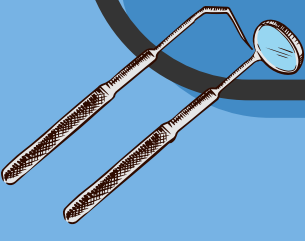


Benefits of Early Dental Visits



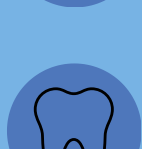
-  Prevent cavities and gum disease ¹
-  Monitor tooth and jaw development ¹
-  Reduce fear of the dentist ¹



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The CDC reports that more than 40% of children have decay by the time they reach kindergarten.⁵
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What Happens At The First Visit?

-  General examination of teeth and gums ¹
-  Discussion on diet and oral habits ¹
-  Guidance on brushing, fluoride, and future visits ¹



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SEE
THE
DENTIST

A graphic featuring two purple dental tools (an explorer and a mirror) flanking the text. Small pink tooth icons are positioned at the base of each tool.

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