Do you have questions?

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Baby Bottle Tooth Decay

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You can prevent **tooth decay!**

Take your infant to the dentist when the first tooth appears.

Healthy baby teeth will often result in healthy adult teeth.

What is **plaque?**

Plaque is a sticky film that covers your teeth. When you eat or drink sugary foods, the plaque creates acids. The acids damage the hard, outer layer of your teeth.

What is tooth decay?

Tooth decay is the damage to the hard, outer layer of your teeth. Anyone can get tooth decay.

What is baby bottle **tooth** decay?

Baby bottle tooth decay occurs when you feed your baby sugary liquid in a bottle. The sugary liquid touches the teeth for a long time, causing damage to your baby's teeth.

How can you prevent **baby bottle tooth decay?**

- Do not let your baby sleep with a bottle containing milk, formula or sweet liquids.
- Do not dip a pacifier in honey, sugar or syrup.
- Clean and rub your baby's teeth to keep them clean and healthy.
- Wrap a wet towel around your finger and gently wash your baby's gums.

