

Infant Oral Health: A Literature Review

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ABSTRACT:

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Academy of Pediatrics advise that children undergo dental examinations and assessments within their first year of life. Early dental visits evaluate a child's risk status through parental interviews and oral examinations. Infant oral health plays a crucial role in a child's overall development. This article offers a concise overview of different aspects of oral health care for children, highlighting perinatal oral health care, anticipatory guidance, the concept of a dental home, the first dental visit, oral health examinations, dietary counseling, and therapeutic interventions for relevant oral issues, including teething. It serves as the foundation for lifelong preventive education and dental care, aimed at achieving optimal oral health throughout childhood.

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