

When will my baby's teeth come in?

Baby's teeth begin forming even before birth. All 20 primary teeth - also called baby teeth. The lower two front teeth are typically the first to erupt, usually sometime around six months after birth. Do not be concerned if your baby is a little late. By age 3 all 20 primary teeth should be present.

What is Baby Bottle Decay? You can avoid this decay!

One common way a baby can develop cavities is called "baby bottle tooth decay." It occurs when a child's teeth are frequently exposed to sugary liquids for long periods. Among these are milk, formula, fruit juice and other sweetened liquids. If you must give your baby a bottle at bedtime or naptime, make sure it contains only water. Also, you should not give a baby a pacifier that has been dipped in honey or sugar.

When should brushing begin?

You should start cleaning your child's teeth as soon as they appear. A small, pea-sized dab or fluoride toothpaste can be used only after the child is old enough not to swallow it.

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