



Your child's first dental visit



Your child experiences a lot of firsts before they turn age 1. It's important for dental care to be one of them. Establish a lifetime of good oral health by introducing your baby to a dental home when their first tooth erupts and before their first birthday.

What is a dental home?

A dental home is a family-centric approach to comprehensive, coordinated care. You'll build an ongoing relationship with a dentist who will manage your child's total dental needs.

What to expect

During a typical first visit, your child's dentist will:



Review individual and family medical and dental history



Apply fluoride varnish as needed



Advise on how to prevent dental injuries and trauma



Conduct a thorough dental exam



Assess your child's risk of caries



Give pointers on teething



Demonstrate how to clean your child's teeth and gums



Recommend ways to prevent tooth decay



Discuss effects of oral habits on bite and facial bone structure



Taking this first step early in your child's oral care gives you a head start on establishing habits that lead to a lifetime of good dental health.