Oral Health Screening Guide

White spot lesions lead to progressive decay

Normal primary teeth

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Early cavitated lesion

Early childhood caries

Moderate decay

Severe decay

Abscess
Fluoride Varnish Facts

- Fluoride varnish is safe and can be used as soon as the very first tooth erupts.
- Fluoride varnish is effective in preventing, stopping and reversing decay.
- Fluoride varnish is well tolerated and dries immediately on contact with saliva.
- No dental cleaning is needed before fluoride varnish placement.
- Child can eat and drink right after varnish is placed.

Oral Health Tips

- Tooth decay is infectious, transmissible and easily preventable.
- Frequency of eating and drinking sweets, including juice promotes an acidic environment that encourages rampant decay.
- Fluoridated water is proven to reduce decay.
- Brushing twice daily with fluoride toothpaste will help to reduce the potential for decay.
- Regular professional dental care assures early intervention to prevent disease.

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