

Department of Social Services
Children's Oral Health
Periodicity Schedule
and
Anticipatory Guidance
Connecticut Dental Health Partnership

The Connecticut Department of Social Services dental program, known as the Connecticut Dental Health Partnership, follows the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's guidelines for periodicity of examination and preventive dental services, anticipatory guidance and treatment for infants, children, teenagers and young adults up to the age of twenty - one. Continuity of care is based upon each child's needs and should be performed at an established dental home. Anticipatory guidance and counseling are considered to be an integral of each visit.

First Dental Visit

When the first tooth erupts no later than 1 year of age

Recommendation for dental visit for patients 6 to 12 months of age:

- **Comprehensive evaluation**
- ***Oral Hygiene Counseling***
- ***Removal of supra and sub gingival deposits and stains***
- ***Topical fluoride application***
- ***Assessment and prescription of fluoride supplements***
- ***Assess appropriateness of feeding practices***
- ***Dietary counseling***
- ***Injury risk assessment***
- ***Assess and counsel for negative oral habits***
- ***Perform a caries risk assessment***
- ***Provide anticipatory guidance***
- ***Consult with pediatrician as indicated***
- ***Provide or refer for further treatment of disease***

Recommendation for dental visit for patients 12 to 24 months of age:

Repeat components of the 6 – 12 month age group every six months

- **Comprehensive evaluation**
- ***Oral Hygiene Assessment and Counseling***
- ***Removal of supra and sub gingival deposits and stains***
- ***Assess appropriateness of feeding practices***
- ***Dietary counseling***
- ***Assessment and prescription of fluoride supplements***
- ***Topical fluoride application***
- ***Treat or refer for treatment***

Recommendation for dental visit for patients 2 to 6 years of age:

Repeat components of the 12 – 24 month age group every six months

- **Comprehensive evaluation**
- ***Oral Hygiene Assessment and Counseling***

- **Scale and clean teeth every six months**
- ***Provide pit and fissure sealants***
- ***Provide assessment and counseling***
- ***Provide assessment and for developmental abnormalities or malocclusion***
- ***Assess speech and language development***
- ***Treat or refer for treatment***

Recommendation for dental visit for patients 6 to 12 years of age:

Repeat components of the 2 – 6 years of age group every six months

- **Comprehensive evaluation**
- ***Oral Hygiene Assessment and Counseling***
- **Scale and clean teeth every six months**
- ***Provide pit and fissure sealants***
- ***Provide substance abuse counseling***
- ***Provide counseling on intraoral piercings***
- ***Treat or refer for treatment***

Recommendation for dental visit for patients 12 years of age and older:

Repeat components of the 6 – 12 years of age group every six months

Recommendation for dental visit for patients 6 to 12 years of age:

Repeat components of the 2 – 6 years of age group every six months

- **Comprehensive evaluation**
- ***Oral Hygiene Assessment and Counseling***
- **Scale and clean teeth every six months**
- ***Provide pit and fissure sealants***
- ***Provide substance abuse counseling***
- ***Provide counseling on intraoral piercings***
- ***At late adolescence assess development and position of third molars***
- ***Treat or refer for treatment***

Components of the Comprehensive Dental Visit

- ***General Health and growth***
- ***Pain***
- ***Extraoral soft tissue examination***
- ***Tempromandibular joint evaluation***
- ***Internal soft tissue evaluation***
- ***Oral hygiene and periodontal health***
- ***Intraoral hard tissue evaluation***
- ***Developing occlusion***
- ***Caries risk***
- ***Behavior of the child***

Prophylaxis and Fluoride Application

Every six months

Bitewing Radiographs

One time per year

Radiographs*

According to standards developed by the Food & Drug Administration in conjunction with the American Dental Association, 2004

* http://ada.org/prof/resources/topics/topics/_radiographyexaminations.pdf

Complete Document of all Food and Drug Administration pertaining to Radiation Guidelines:

<http://www.fda.gov/Radiation->

[EmittingProducts/RadiationEmittingProductsandProcedures/Medical
Imaging/MedicalX-Rays/ucm116504.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Radiation-EmittingProducts/RadiationEmittingProductsandProcedures/MedicalImaging/MedicalX-Rays/ucm116504.htm)