FIRST DENTAL VISIT by FIRST BIRTHDAY

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Why so early?

By visiting the dentist early, your child can get to know the dentist, and the dentist can learn about your child's dental needs before problems occur. Your child will feel better about the dentist if the first visit is a positive, happy experience, rather than a scary or painful emergency.

What kind of dentist should a child see?

Most often, young children will see either a pediatric dentist or a family dentist. A pediatric dentist is a dentist who has been specially trained to treat children of all ages. A family dentist may see children as well as older family members, such as parents or grandparents. The choice is up to you. To find a kid-friendly dentist in your area, visit the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry website at www.aapd.org, or ask your pediatrician, co-workers, or friends with young children for a referral.

What can you expect?

- The dentist will have you stay with your baby.
- The dentist will examine your baby's mouth.
- The dentist will talk with you.