

EPSDT COMPLETE DENTAL SCREEN GUIDELINES

EPSDT complete periodic dental screens, to be completed by the dentist, shall include but are not limited to:

- Oral examination, diagnosis and assessment of any oral diseases or injuries;
- Oral hygiene instructions;
- Injury prevention counseling for orofacial trauma and oral habits;
- Dietary counseling related to dental health;
- Appropriate reading materials;
- Toothbrush.

As recommended by the AAPD, the periodicity of examination, preventive dental services and oral treatment shall be as follows:

A. Age 12 months (Optional examination at 6 months)

1. Complete the clinical oral exam and appropriate diagnostic tests to assess oral growth and development and/or pathology;
2. Provide oral hygiene counseling for parents, guardians and caregivers;
3. Remove supra- and subgingival stains or deposits as indicated;
4. Assess the child's systemic fluoride status and provide fluoride supplementation if indicated, following drinking water analysis;
5. Assess appropriateness of feeding practices;
6. Provide dietary counseling related to oral health;
7. Provide injury prevention counseling for orofacial trauma (play objects, pacifiers, car seats, etc.);
8. Provide counseling for oral habits (digit, pacifiers, etc.);
9. Provide diagnosis and required treatment for any oral diseases or injuries;

10. Provide anticipatory guidance for parent/guardian.

B. Ages 12 to 24 months

1. Repeat 6 to 12 month procedures every six months as indicated by individual patient's needs/susceptibility to disease;
2. Assess topical fluoride status and give parental counseling;
3. Provide injury prevention counseling for orofacial trauma (learning to walk, run, etc.)

C. Ages 2 to 6 years:

1. Repeat 12-24 month procedures every six months or as indicated by individual patient's needs/susceptibility to disease;
2. Provide age-appropriate oral hygiene instructions;
3. Complete a radiographic assessment of pathology and/or abnormal growth and development, as indicated for individual patient's needs;
4. Scale and clean the teeth every six months or as indicated by the individual patient's needs;
5. Provide topical fluoride treatments every six months or as indicated by the individual patient's needs;
6. Provide pit and fissure sealants for primary and permanent teeth as indicated by individual patient's needs;
7. Provide counseling and services (athletic mouth guards) as needed for orofacial trauma prevention;
8. Provide assessment/treatment or referral of developing malocclusion as indicated by individual patient's needs;
9. Treat any oral diseases/habits/injuries as indicated.



D. Ages 6 to 12 years:

1. Repeat 2 to 6 year procedures every six months or as indicated by individual patient's needs/susceptibility to disease;
2. Provide injury prevention counseling/services for orofacial trauma (sports activities);
3. Provide substance abuse counseling (smoking, smokeless tobacco, etc.)

E. Ages 12 to 20 years:

1. Repeat 6 to 12 year procedures every six months or as indicated by individual patient's needs/susceptibility to disease;
2. At an age determined by patient, parent and dentist, refer the patient to a general dentist for continuing dental treatment.