



Its Never Too Early to Start

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Definition

- According to American Academy of paediatric Dentistry (AAPD)

The Dental home is the ongoing relationship between the dentist and patient, inclusive of all aspect of oral health care delivered in a comprehensive, continuously accessible, coordinated, and family centred way.

- Dental home is concept similar to 'medical home' adapted by American academy of paediatrics.(AAP)



OBJECTIVES

- To enhance the dentist ability to assist children and their parents in their quest for optimum oral health care.
- To schedule early oral health examinations and preventive services for cost effectiveness.
- To assess Individual risk for dental diseases.
- Monitoring the growth and development.
- To make the parents aware of when and how frequently they should visit dental home for their child.



A Dental
Home by
One
Year Old



CHARACTERISTICS OF DENTAL HOME

| Characteristics | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| Accessible | Care provided in the child's community |
| Family centred | Reorganization of the centeredness of family |
| Continuous | Same primary care providers from infancy through adolescence |
| Comprehensive | Healthcare available 24hrs per day, preventive primary and tertiary care provided |
| Culturally competent | Cultural background recognised, valued, respected |

STEPS TO BE TAKEN WHEN PARENT/ CAREGIVER APPROACH DENTAL HOME

- History
- Examination
- Risk assessment

ADVANTAGES



Embraces the importance of early intervention with optimal preventive strategies.

Encourage the first dental visit by approximately at 1 year of age.

Practitioner can provide personalized preventive approaches for children based on histories, oral examination and risk factor identification.

It provide anticipatory guidance to parent so that they gets aware of their children's growth and development.

preventive intervention can be personalized as per the need of child.

CONCLUSION

- Dental Home is an important concept for dental profession to embrace.
- Dental Home is concept that deserves support, further investigation and in conjunction with medical home, would provide comprehensive health care to which all children are entitled.

THANK YOU

