







## The good practice to your children's oral health



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## Good habits start in the family



It is best to avoid the prolonged use of the pacifier and the baby bottle after 18/24 months, as they increase the risk of caries and malocclusion. Even habits such as thumb sucking and nail biting can do harm to the teeth and the mout

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What is good for the teeth is good for the whole body: choose simple food for your child, propose fruit and vegetables on several occasions every day (even for a snack!), eat regular meals

Avoid giving food and sugary drinks outside of meals: don't get them used to being rewarded or comforted by sweets

Before bedtime, just water: the rule is "in bed with clean teeth"

Set the example: let them be present when you brush your teeth, they will emulate you. Teach them to brush their teeth without hurry after every meal, but especially after eating sweet food

Teach them the right moves for brushing and guide their moves the first few times. Brush all surfaces with a dose of toothpaste for children equal to a pea: first the internal surfaces of the teeth, then the external ones, and finish with the chewing surfaces and don't forget to clean the tongue too

Don't wait the toothache! Check your child's mouth: if caries is present on the milk teeth, it must be treated, because in addition to causing a lot of pain, it can damage the teeth that will come after. If you have doubts, ask your pediatrician or your orthodontist