

## Pregnancy & Oral Health Oral Health Concerns

Visit your dental professional

as soon as you know you are pregnant





25% of women will have swollen, bleeding gums during pregnancy due to hormonal changes

#### **Morning Sickness**

If you vomit...

- rinse your mouth with water
- wait 30 minutes, then brush with fluoride toothpaste
- stomach acids
  left in the mouth can
  damage teeth





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### Everyday...



Clean your gums and teeth

Use fluoride toothpaste to help reduce decay





Eat well-balanced Get enough meals and snacks

Limit sugary drinks and sticky snacks

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# The Health of Your Mouth Can Affect Your Baby

### Women with untreated gum disease

may have premature or lower birth weight babies



#### Babies get the bacteria

that causes tooth decay from their mothers (or main caregivers)



#### **Nutrition During Pregnancy Is Important...**



Your baby's teeth begin to form at 6 weeks of pregnancy and start to harden (calcify) at 4 months

Calcium is **important** for tooth growth. **Enough** calcium is needed during pregnancy for proper tooth development.

