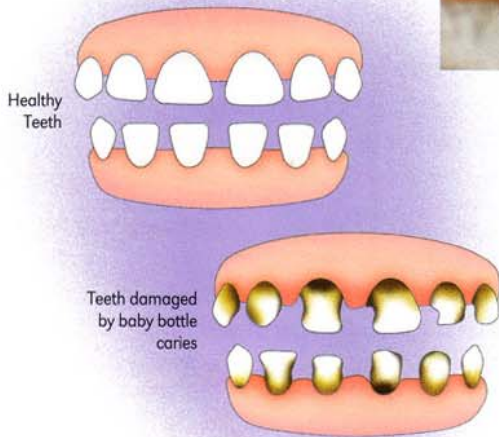


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A Preventable Dental Disease



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Do you know or have a child who has damaged teeth like those in the illustration? This child has been described as a poor eater and sleeper, crying frequently, waking up for no apparent reason and refusing to eat properly. This child has baby bottle tooth decay, also called early childhood caries. (Caries is another word for tooth decay.)

To obtain further information on this, please visit the following websites:

Canadian Dental Association: www.cda-adc.ca

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: www.aapd.org

These illustrations show the dramatic contrast between a child with healthy teeth and one with severely decayed teeth. Both children are about 18 months old. However, the child with baby bottle tooth decay was given a bottle of milk or juice or even a soother dipped in honey or sugar at bedtime. If the habit of going to bed with a bottle or