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Prevention and Management of Dental Caries in Children

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About this guidance

Prevention and Management of Dental Caries in Children aims to support dental teams to improve and maintain the oral health of their younger patients through the delivery of preventive care and, where necessary, effective management of dental caries. The second edition includes advice on

- assessment of the child and family
- helping the family manage dental care
- delivery of preventive care based on caries risk
- choosing from the range of caries management options available
- delivery of restorative care, including how to carry out specific treatments
- referral and recall
- management of suspected dental neglect
- working with other agencies to support and safeguard the wellbeing of children and young people

NICE has accredited the process used by the Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme to produce its *Prevention and Management of Dental Caries in Children* guidance. Accreditation is valid for 5 years from 15 March 2016. More information on accreditation can be viewed at www.nice.org.uk/accreditation. Further information about NICE accreditation of SDCEP guidance can be viewed at [NICE Accreditation](#).



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endorsed this guidance as a source of reliable, high quality professional advice that promotes the provision of safe and effective oral health care for patients.

Guidance development

The second edition of this guidance is based on consideration of available evidence and the opinion of dental experts and experienced practitioners and has been subject to open consultation and peer review prior to finalising for publication.

Recommendations for caries prevention in children are primarily based on the evidence on which the Scottish Intercollegiate Guideline Network (SIGN) guideline 138 *Dental Interventions to Prevent Caries in Children* is based. Recommendations on the management of dental caries have been expanded, with a more comprehensive approach to management of children's primary and permanent teeth and management techniques presented in a separate section.

The methodology used for the development of this guidance, including details of the evidence search strategy, evidence appraisals and information about conflict of interests can be found in the *Prevention and Management of Dental Caries in Children Methodology* document, available on request. For further information on the SDCEP guidance development process, please click [here](#) or contact the SDCEP office (scottishdental.cep@nes.scot.nhs.uk).

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Review and updating

For this guidance, a review of the topic will take place five years after publication and, if this has changed significantly, the guidance will be updated accordingly.

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