

PROTECT YOUR CHILDS TEETH!!

FLUORIDE VARNISH TREATMENTS OFFERED IN OUR OFFICE

What is fluoride varnish?

Fluoride varnish is a coating that is painted on teeth to help prevent new cavities and to help stop cavities that have already started. The fluoride varnish is sticky, so it attaches to the teeth easily and makes the outer layer (enamel) of the teeth harder, helping to prevent cavities.

Cavities are one of the most common preventable diseases in children. Children as young as twelve to eighteen months may get cavities.

How is fluoride varnish applied to the teeth?

The fluoride is easily painted on the teeth with a small brush. Each brush comes in its own package with the fluoride. It takes about 1 minute to apply the varnish.

What should parents do after varnish is applied to teeth?

- Do not brush your child's teeth until the next day.
- Don't allow your child to eat hard or chewy foods, including gum, for 24 hours after the varnish is applied.
- The fluoride varnish can be yellow or clear. If the teeth appear yellow for 24 hours, this is normal, and will disappear when the teeth are brushed the next day.

How Long Does Fluoride Varnish Last?

The fluoride varnish sticks to the teeth until brushed away the next day; however the benefits of the fluoride will last for several months. Fluoride varnish needs to be applied every three to four months for best results.

Why do I need to have this done?

Baby teeth are important for

- * good overall health
- * eating
- * speaking
- * smiling
- * healthy adult teeth

How old does my child need to be?

The first treatment of varnish can be applied as soon as the first tooth as come in! Normally varnish treatments are applied between 6 months & 3 years of age.

ALL MEDICAID PLANS PAY FOR THIS TREATMENT!

If you are a cash pay patient, or have private insurance you may also opt to have this treatment. The cost is only \$20.79 per treatment.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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