

RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION IN PNCC GUIDANCE MANUAL

Oral Health Status

PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION:

To obtain information about the woman's current oral health habits and to identify behavioral risk factors that may indicate poor oral hygiene and may influence the outcome of her current pregnancy. The relationship between a woman's oral health and that of her baby is important. Dental caries is an infectious disease caused by the bacteria *Streptococcus mutans*. Pregnant women with severe periodontal disease are at increased risk to have preterm or low birth weight babies because of the infection. In addition, the bacteria can be passed from mother to child when sharing eating utensils, tasting foods and kissing.

1. Do you have an established relationship with the same regular dentist or clinic that has been in place for at least 2 years?
2. How often have you seen this dentist/clinic during the last 2 years?
3. If you went to the dentist in the last 2 years, was that visit for a:
 - checkup and cleaning
 - dental pain, an abscess, gum boil or broken tooth
 - fillings
 - tooth extractions
4. Do you have any broken teeth or a gum boil now?
5. Are any of your teeth loose?
6. Do you have a problem with bad breath?
7. Are you be interested in learning more about the health of your teeth and gums and about how this might impact your baby?

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Your Oral Health

1. Do you have an established relationship with the same regular dentist or clinic that has been in place for at least 2 years?
 - ? Yes
 - ? No

2. How often have you seen this dentist/clinic during the last 2 years?
 - ? Once
 - ? Twice
 - ? Three times
 - ? More often

3. If you went to the dentist in the last 2 years, was that visit for a:
 - ? checkup and cleaning
 - ? dental pain, an abscess, gum boil or broken tooth
 - ? fillings
 - ? tooth extraction

4. Do you have any broken teeth or a gum boil now?
 - ? Yes
 - ? No

5. Are any of your teeth loose?
 - ? Yes
 - ? No

6. Do you have a problem with bad breath?

7. Are you be interested in learning more about the health of your teeth and gums and about how this might impact your baby?
 - ? Yes
 - ? No