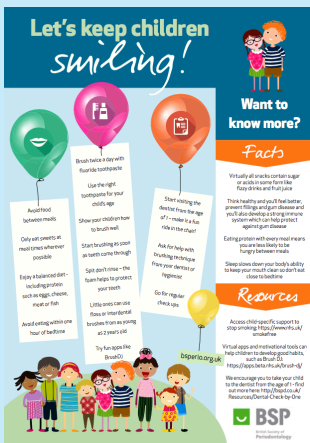


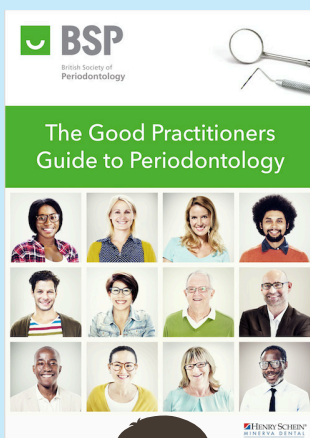
# Let's keep children smiling!

Dental professionals

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Our guidelines for children can be accessed by downloading this guide



The BSP is committed to raising awareness of the importance of gum health for children and pregnant women. This is our advice to dental professionals - to keep children smiling into adulthood.

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Ask about the parents of the child - do they have a history of periodontal disease?

Keep plaque removal and dietary advice simple and achievable

Periodontitis in children is unusual - refer to a specialist in such cases

Be extra vigilant if the child has a known genetic syndrome or a related systemic illness

Periodontal treatments are the same for children as they are for adults, with adjustments required when prescribing systemic antibiotics

Periodontal examination and oral hygiene assessment and optimisation are essential prior to, and during, fixed and removable orthodontic treatment

The child's ability to tolerate treatment under local anaesthesia or involving possible surgery must be considered

Thorough pre-orthodontic assessment should include assessment of gingival biotype and consideration of the effect of anticipated tooth movements, such as gingival recession and development of enlarged embrasure spaces

The BSP Good Practitioners Guide is available to download at [bsp.org.uk](http://bsp.org.uk) ('publications') - refer to this for all guidelines and standards.

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