

# Let's Talk About Teeth

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## DIABETIC CHILDREN & GUM DISEASE

Children and adults who have diabetes are more likely to have gum disease than people who do not have diabetes. Parents of diabetic children should be aware that their children may display signs of gum disease as early as age six. This note of caution comes from dental researchers, who were surprised to learn that periodontal disease in diabetic children starts much earlier than once thought. When researchers examined the gums of young diabetic children, they found significantly more plaque (the bacteria-laden film that covers teeth and gets under gums) than was observed among non-diabetics. This finding underlines the importance of having young children, especially diabetic children, undergo regular dental examinations.

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