

# DID YOU KNOW

How can I get more information?

Contact your local dental clinic  
or  
your family dentist

The following may increase the risk of tooth decay:

- ◆ Honey or other sweetener on the dummy.
- ◆ Infrequent toothbrushing or cleaning
- ◆ Prolonged and frequent feeding, when teeth are present.
- ◆ Adding any sweeteners to the bottle.
- ◆ If baby has a bottle or dummy which has been in the mother's mouth, bacteria will be transferred, which may cause tooth decay.

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Northern Dental Centre	6336 4100
Burnie Dental Clinic	6440 7104
Devonport Dental Clinic	6421 7729



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# "IF ONLY I'D KNOWN"



**PREVENT TOOTH  
DECAY IN BOTTLE  
OR BREAST FED  
INFANTS**

# THIS DISEASE IS PREVENTABLE



**START OF  
TOOTH DECAY**



**EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES**



**ADVANCED  
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES**

**Early Childhood Caries is a form of tooth decay that develops when sugars (present in milk, cordial, honey and other substances) are in the mouth often or for extended periods. It can start after the first tooth appears. Early Childhood Caries can be caused by prolonged comfort sucking because the longer the liquid stays in the mouth, the greater the risk of decay.**