

Omaha System Pathway Development
Oral Health/Dental Varnish

Discussion: Prior to pathway development and after discussion the group concluded that the pathway should reflect brushing, medical/dental care, tooth development (and especially the importance of “baby” tooth development to that of permanent teeth), physical health, and dietary requirements. The group also noted the importance of including the water source (and whether or not it is fluoridated) in the assessment.

Intervention	Area	Client Specific
TGC ¹	Feeding Procedures	Bottle Mouth Prevention
TGC	Personal Hygiene	Wiping Infant’s Teeth/ Brushing/Flossing
TGC	Wellness	Relationship of good oral health to overall wellness
TGC	Dietary Management	Recommended diet; include need for fluoride supplement when appropriate
TGC	Medical/Dental Care	Promote preventive care
TGC	Child Growth and Development	Distribute Deinard handout
TGC	Medication administration	Fluoride supplements
T&P ²	Medical/Dental Care	Application of dental varnish
T&P	Personal Hygiene	Demonstration as needed
CM ³	Medical/Dental Care	Coordination among providers, including referral and follow-up
CM	Other Community Resources	Other (note): WIC, CTC
Surv ⁴	Signs/Symptoms	Evidence of disease or infection
Surv	Medical/Dental Care	Access to dental care
Surv	Feeding Procedures	Observed
Surv	Dietary Management	Appropriate for age and physical status
Surv	Environment	Fluoride in water supply

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¹ Teaching, Guidance, and Counseling

² Treatment & Procedures

³ Case Management

⁴ Surveillance