

Case #1: Dental Public Health and Dental Rehabilitation under General Anesthesia
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The Child: Maria Perez - 12 Months

During Maria's 12-month well-baby exam at her primary care physician's office, Mrs. Perez reports that Maria's front teeth "didn't look right" when they first came in. The health history indicates that Maria was a pre-term infant (i.e., < 37 weeks gestation) with a low birth weight (i.e., < 2500gm). Her physician takes a brief look, reassures Mrs. Perez that the dental appearance may be a "developmental problem" and suggests that if she has further dental concerns, that she should consult a dentist. The primary care provider, unaware of the [American Academy of Pediatric's Infant Oral Health Guidelines](#), does not provide oral health risk assessment or counseling and does not facilitate a formal referral as is typically done for other types of services.

As young as Maria is, both developmental and acquired disease are already evident on careful examination.

