Abstract

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recommends that every child should attend their first dental visit within six months of the eruption of the first tooth or by the age of one. This visit not only allows for early detection of tooth decay, but it also is important for educating parents about oral health care prevention and anticipatory guidance. However, many parents are still unaware as to what age a child needs to begin dental care.

Methods

A Cross-sectional study is planned.

IRB approval will be sought.

100 surveys will be collected from the parents of new patients who visit East Carolina School of Dental Medicine for a new patient exam.

Surveys will be provided to the participant via an iPad in the pediatric clinic prior to the child’s first visit.

REDCap will be used to store and report the collected data from the surveys.

Conclusions

We expect to find that most parents are unaware of the AAPD’s recommendation of the age of a first dental visit and do not understand the reason for why first visits are important.

References

