NMHealth Tooth Eruption

DENTAL FAST FACTS

- Baby teeth begin to appear around 6 months of age and continue until about 33 months of age.
- Adult teeth start to appear around 6 years of age, and most teeth are in place by age 13.
- Wisdom teeth appear between 17-21 years of age.



Why it's important to care for baby teeth



Baby teeth reserve space for their adult teeth.



Baby teeth give your child's face its shape.



Baby teeth help with the development of clear speech.

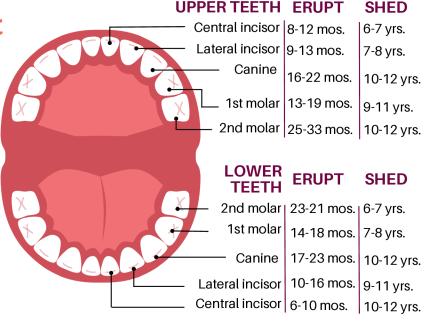
Primary & Permanent Tooth Eruption

When a baby's teeth start to come in, the first ones are usually the two middle teeth on the bottom. These are called the central incisors. After that, the two middle teeth on the top come in.

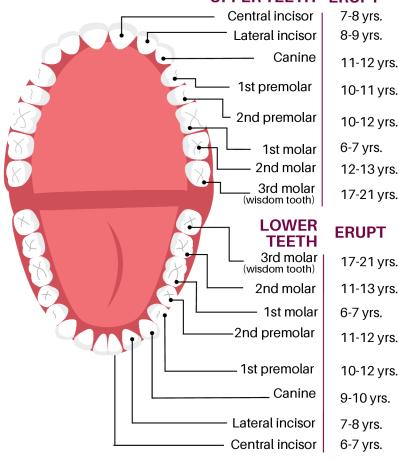
Next, the first 4 molars (big flat teeth in the back) appear, followed by the next 2 teeth next to the middle ones on the bottom (called lateral incisors). After that, the first 4 molars on top come in.

Then, the pointed teeth, called canines, show up. Finally, around age 2, the last baby teeth, the second molars, come in.

Every child is different, but if teeth fail to come in a year after the expected time, check with your child's dental home to make sure the teeth are developing properly.



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