## **TOP 10 ORAL HEALTH TIPS**



Visit your dental hygienist regularly. Begin visits by age one and continue throughout your life.

**Re-think your drink!** Drinking sweetened beverages and acidic fluids increases your risk of developing cavities.

> **Open up!** Check your mouth once a month. Know what's normal. If you have a sore that does not heal within two weeks, get it checked by a health professional.

### Sealants for success!

Want your child to stay cavity free? Ask you dental hygienist if pit and fissures sealants are a good option for your child.

Butt Out!

Choose to be tobacco free. Using tobacco products can stain your teeth and increase your risk of developing oral cancer. **Be a tooth two-timer!** Brush your teeth at least twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste. (2 x 2 minutes).

### Fight with floss!

Floss between your teeth. Using dental floss daily can help keep gums healthy.

## Rinse germs down the drain!

Rinse using an antiseptic mouthwash to kill germs that cause cavities and gum disease.



## You are what you eat!

Make healthy food choices. Nutritious food, low in sugar, is good for both oral and overall health.

pearly whites! Wear a mouthguard when playing or practising sports. Your dental hygienist can make a custom fitted one for you.

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