

FLUORIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INFANTS IN THE U.S.

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SUMMARY: Infants have been prescribed various amounts fluoride since water fluoridation was started in 1945. This presentation will examine past and current recommendations from health authorities whose concerns have been preventing tooth decay as well as minimizing fluorosis. Because awareness of fluorosis might reduce support for fluoridation, health authorities are reluctant to educate pediatricians and parents about fluorosis risks. As a result fluorosis is increasing to record high levels in the U.S.

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