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"Dr Steve" <[nospam@xxxxxxxx](mailto:nospam@xxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
[news:u5a7e.1019\\$HK6.966@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:u5a7e.1019$HK6.966@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

> KNOB, .....,It seems to me that I am seeing:

- >
- > place head against wall
- > move head back by flexing neck
- > flex neck forward
- > Impact forehead on wall
- > repeat
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REPLY

But we must be polite to them ,,, I believe  
they are Steve Mancuso's friends .....

Joel

- > --
- > ~+--+~+--+~+--+~+--+
- > Stephen Mancuso, D.D.S.
- > Troy, Michigan, USA
- > .....
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> This posting is intended for informational or conversational purposes  
only.

- > Always seek the opinion of a licensed dental professional before acting on
- > the advice or opinion expressed here. Only a dentist who has examined you
- > in person can diagnose your problems and make decisions which will affect
- > your health.

> .....

> "Ericka Kammerer" <[eek@xxxxxxxx](mailto:eek@xxxxxxxx)> wrote in message

> [news:BsWdnSzhOfJ\\_scDfRVn–tw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:BsWdnSzhOfJ_scDfRVn–tw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

>> NOYB wrote:

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>>> Their are 4 elements necessary for decay:

>>> 1) a sugar source (breast milk)

>>> 2) duration of time that the sugar contacts the teeth

>>> 3) Strep mutans

>>> 4) host (the kid)

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>>> The most significant elements within the control of parent are #1 and 2.

>>> Brushing the teeth decreases #2 (duration of exposure)...but only if it's

>>> done within a reasonable time of the feeding. Otherwise, you're just as

>>> likely to get decay, even if you brush your teeth in the morning and

>>> evening.

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>>> Every time that child feeds at night, he is providing all 4 elements that

>>> are conducive to decay.

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>>> During the day time, it's not really an issue because the saliva does a

>>> pretty good job of washing away the sugars and buffering the acidity that

>>> causes decay.

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>> That's a great theory. Now, show me where there is evidence

>> to back it up. So far, what I can find is a bunch of mediocre studies

>> with mixed results when it comes to breastfeeding (day or night).

>> Others have put forth theories that breastmilk has some protective

>> features. That also may or may not be. I'm not yet seeing the

>> evidence. We can play anecdote and theory all day, but it's an

>> empirical question and ought to be answered as such. There may

>> not yet be a definitive empirical answer—but if there isn't,

>> I don't see where anyone ought to be insisting that night weaning

>> is the only acceptable solution at any age.

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>> Best wishes,

>> Ericka

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