

## “Hey Doc, when will my baby’s teeth come into his/her mouth?(Part 2)”

In last month’s article, I have discussed the teething timeline and the importance of keeping all baby teeth disease free. As parents, we are always anxious to find out when our children’s teeth will come in. The followings are some of the common teething symptoms that children experience:

### - Drooling

Teething increases a baby’s saliva production, leading to excessive drooling. The increased moisture can lead to redness and rashes around the baby’s mouth and chin.

### - Irritability

Teething can make a baby more irritable or cranky or fussy. It may be more difficult for the little one to nap or fall asleep during teething time. Baby Tylenol or Advil can help ease the discomfort during teething for the little one

### - Gum swelling

During teething, the gum tissue can become red and swollen. It will also appear bulged as the baby teeth try to break through the skin. Applying medication such as Oralgel can help ease the pain for the baby.

### - Biting or gnawing behaviour

Sometimes, babies like to chew and gnaw away at things to relieve the pain and discomfort they experience from teething.

### - Eating habits

During teething, some babies may refuse food as the spoon can irritate the swollen gum tissue. On the other hand, some babies may eat more to counter the pressure and the pain from the erupting teeth.

### - Ear pulling

- The muscles of the jaw are connected to the ear canal. Therefore, teething pain can spread to the ears and it can make a baby pull on the ears more often.

### - Fever

Sometimes, inflammation and/or infection around the gum tissue during teething can lead to fever. If your baby has developed a higher than normal temperature, take your baby to see a dentist. The fever can be related to teething.

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