The Scary Tooth



About Tooth Decay

Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood. Over 16 million U.S. children have untreated tooth decay, which equates to more than 25% of children between two and five years old and 50% of those between 12 and 15 years old.

Of our four million children born in the U.S. each year, over half will have cavities by the time they reach second grade.

The Surgeon General calls tooth decay the single most common chronic childhood disease - five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than hay fever.

American children miss more than 750,000 school days (51 million school hours!) each year due to dental conditions. That's more missed school days than are caused by the flu every year.

Only 44% of U.S. children brush their teeth twice a day.

42% of kids age 8-13 say they are worried about getting cavities from eating too much Halloween candy.



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