"Optimally" Fluoridated Water Delivers Contraindicated Doses Every Single Day to the Most Vulnerable

(Fetuses, Infants and Young Children, Especially in Low Income Families that Cannot Afford Unfluoridated Water)

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Handout available at:

www.fluoridefreepeel.ca/ffp-delegations-to-peel-council/

"Health Canada does **not** consider fluoride as an essential nutrient."

http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/pet 221 e 30308.html

"Fluoride supplements... **Only** take them if an oral health professional advises you to."

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/healthy-living/your-health/environment/fluorides-human-health.html#s3

The fluoride doses received by children from drinking fluoridated water are similar to doses in oral supplements

http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/pet 299C e 35212.html

"The action of fluoride is topical."

"No fluoride should be given before the teeth have erupted."

"Supplemental fluoride should be given **only after 6 months of age and only in the following conditions**..."

"Supplemental fluoride should be in mouthwash, lozenges or drops diluted in water and **sprayed on the teeth**."

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/first-nations-inuit-health/health-care-services/nursing/clinical-practice-guidelines-nurses-primary-care/pediatric-adolescent-care/chapter-7-nutrition.html

Young children tend to swallow toothpaste → increased risk of dental fluorosis

Up to 3 years of age: brush with **rice sized grain** of fluoride toothpaste twice per day **only if** the child is at risk of developing cavities; if not at risk brush with water

3 - 6 years: help children brush their teeth with a **peasized bit** of fluoride toothpaste

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/environ/fluor-eng.php

Toothpastes with fluoride are **drugs** since fluoride prevents caries; toothpastes without fluoride are cosmetics...

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/reports-publications/industry-professionals/labelling-cosmetics.html

Required warning on fluoride toothpaste:

"Keep out of reach of children under 6 years of age.

If a quantity greater than the dose used for brushing is accidentally swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Centre right away (FDA 1995)."

http://webprod.hc-sc.gc.ca/nhpid-bdipsn/atReq.do?atid=oral.health.sante.bucco.dentaire

CDC on Children's Fluoride Exposure from Toothpaste

Children <6 years & especially <2 years have poor control of swallowing reflex \rightarrow increased risk for dental fluorosis

So use only a pea-sized bit of toothpaste

Supervise them and have them spit it out

One gram of toothpaste has approx. 1 mg of fluoride

A pea-sized bit of toothpaste is approx. 0.25 g toothpaste (and therefore contains approx. 0.25 mg fluoride)

Health Canada on Dental Fluorosis: Caused by Fluoride Overexposure

"a permanent hypomineralization of tooth enamel due to fluoride-induced disruption of tooth development... in people with high exposure... occurs only when exposure to fluorides happens during tooth formation"



- Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality Technical Document Fluoride, 2010: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/publicatigns/healthy-living/guidelines-canadian-drinking-water-quality-guideline-technical-dgcument-fluoride.html#a101

Public Health attitude: "Not an adverse effect"; publish fraudulent, misleading reports that hide actual prevalence

FDA & Health Canada Require Warnings on Fluoride Toothpaste



Canadian Dental Association

"... use of fluoridated toothpaste in this age group is determined by the level of risk. Parents should consult a health professional to determine whether a child up to 3 years of age is at risk of developing tooth decay. If such a risk exists, the child's teeth should be brushed by an adult using a minimal amount (a portion the size of a grain of rice...) of fluoridated toothpaste.

Children from 3 to 6 years of age should be assisted by an adult in brushing their teeth. Only a small amount (a portion the size of a green pea...) of fluoridated toothpaste should be used."

Problem: Our Fluoridated Water

Peel's fluoridated water has 0.65 mg fluoride per litre (0.65 ppm)

Each 385 ml, or 0.385 litre, of our water contains:

 $0.385 L \times 0.65 mg/L = 0.25 mg$ fluoride

the same dose found in a peasized bit of toothpaste



With No Warnings Provided to the Public