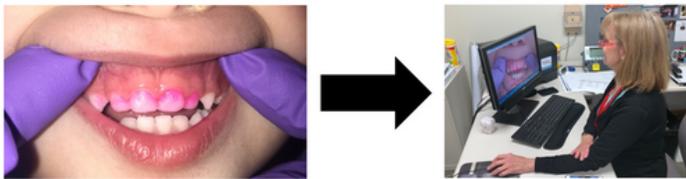


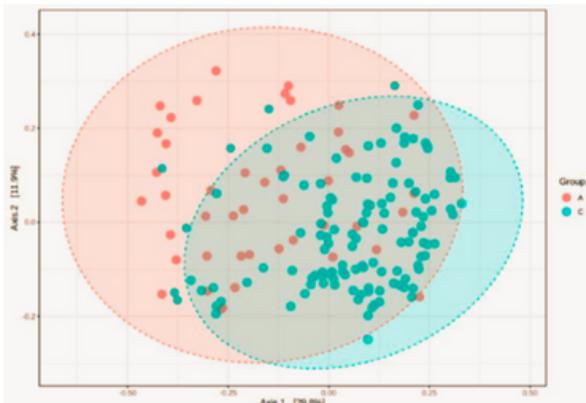
The Problem:

- Dental cavities are very common in children. Cavities cause pain, poor nutrition, and other problems.
- We know cavities can start as soon as children have teeth, but most programs to prevent cavities do not start until pre-school or later.



We take your information and pictures back to UIC, where specialists are working to figure out what children need to keep their teeth healthy!

What's New?



We are using the plaque samples to learn more about the bacteria in people's mouths. Child plaque (blue dots) are very similar to parent bacteria (red dots).

Who is in CO-OP?

- 323 families agreed to participate.
- The average child age is 5 years old.
- 45% of children are Black and 56% are Hispanic.
- Study participants are from Chicago and Cook County suburbs.

As of September 2024



Baseline, 6-Month, and 12-Month home visits are complete! The rest are happening now! Once we finish the last visit, we will share the final results with families.

What's Next?



We are completing initial exams with dentists on the Mobile Care Chicago dental van. Your child's second exam will be scheduled 2 years after the first exam. We will call to arrange the appointment. Let us know if you need assistance attending.

For questions or feedback, email Anna at asando1@uic.edu, and we'll be in touch.

Reach Out!

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