

Young DEPPA

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We are delighted to announce that Young DEPPA will be released this week.

This is an innovative tool that helps you to assess the oral health of your young patients, and to facilitate education and engagement of these patients and their parents/carers in positive health behaviours.

Prepared with the assistance of Stephen Fayle, Paediatric Consultant, and Prof Iain Chapple, Young DEPPA is a very simple assessment that takes into account all relevant aspects of a child's oral health including the BSP/ BSPD guidelines for child periodontal assessment. Trialled by 12 of your peers, feedback was overwhelmingly positive with a typical comment being: 'The children themselves were impressed by the report and were keen to get higher scores. I think this could be a huge motivator'

For existing DEPPA users, adopting YDEPPA should be a breeze. The first change you will notice is that the menu options on the left of the DEPPA screen of Add Patient and Select Patient have been replaced by Young Patients (for the under 17s) and Adult Patients. Add Patient can now be found on a blue button within the Young Patient and Adult Patient screens.

Young DEPPA is very straightforward. Explanatory text is incorporated in each of the 10 questions. The report that is produced is child-friendly with smiley faces and includes a page of prevention advice relevant to the age of the child. There is no separate patient questionnaire: the full assessment is done with the patient present.

A guide banding for child capitation purposes is given on a scale of A-C. But don't feel limited to using YDEPPA on your Denplan patients. As with Adult DEPPA, you are free to use it on any patient under your care.

We look forward to your feedback.