Information about routine check-ups in early childhood

In the first few years, your child will reach many developmental milestones. Regular check-ups are provided in order to recognise potential illnesses and developmental delays, and to be able to treat them accordingly. These are an important part of your child’s health care. Costs are covered by the health insurance.

Within the first few years of life, a paediatrician will examine whether your child is developing healthily and age-appropriately. The results of each check-up will be explained to you.

At all of these check-ups, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child’s development and to ask questions concerning topics such as vaccinations, nutrition and accident prevention.

Please make use of this offer and attend the check-ups!

All children up to the age of six should take part in early detection screenings. Parents will receive an invitation to these screenings from the Landesfamilienbüro in good time.

Please take this letter with you to your appointment with the paediatrician. It will be stamped at the surgery and sent back to the relevant authority. If the authority does not receive certification that the early detection screening has been carried out, you will be sent a reminder. The relevant municipal authorities will be informed if there is still no reply. They will check whether you or your children require support.

At the dental check-ups (UZ), your dentist will give you advice on your child’s dental hygiene, teething, using dummies, drinking bottles and cups, tooth-friendly nutrition and, of course, on all other issues concerning milk teeth. It is recommended that your child sees the dentist every six months.

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| U1             | Immediately after being born | - Breathing and heart function  
- Weight and size  
- Reflexes |
| U2             | 3 to 10 days | - Internal organs and sensory organs  
- Nutrition  
- Early detection of metabolic disorders  
- Newborn hearing screening |
| U3             | 4 to 5 weeks | - Nutritional status  
- Hip joints  
- Ocular responses, hearing  
- Recommended vaccinations  
- Crying and sleeping |
| U4             | 3 to 4 months | - Movement and activity  
- Sight and hearing  
- Growth  
- Accident prevention  
- Vaccinations |
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| U5             | 6 to 7 months | - Physical development, movement and activity  
- Nutrition  
- Behaviour, crying  
- Vaccinations |
| UZ 1a          | First visit to the dentist  
6 to 9 months | - Introduction for parents about dental care for children and babies  
- Advice on teething |
| U6             | 10 to 12 months  
(around 1 year) | - Physical development, first steps  
- Speech development  
- Hearing and sight  
- Behaviour  
- Vaccinations |
| UZ 1b          | Dental examination  
15 to 18 months | - Using dummies, drinking bottles and cups  
- Tips for tooth-friendly nutrition |
| U7             | 21 to 24 months  
(around 2 years) | - Physical and mental development  
- Sensory organs  
- Speech development  
- Vaccinations |
| UZ 2a+b        | Dental examination  
24 to 30 months | - Milk teeth are now complete  
- Recommendations for dental hygiene |
| U7a            | 34 to 36 months  
(around 3 years) | - Physical and mental development  
- Speech development  
- Behaviour |
| UZ 3a+b        | Dental examination  
36 to 42 months | - Information about techniques for cleaning teeth |
| U8             | 46 to 48 months  
(around 4 years) | - Physical development and dexterity  
- Hearing and sight tests  
- Speech development  
- Ability to make contact and independence |
| UZ 4a+b        | Dental examination  
48 to 54 months | - Checking for tooth and jaw misalignments  
- Estimating the risk of caries |
| U9             | 60 to 64 months  
(around 5 years) | - Posture, flexibility, dexterity  
- Hearing and sight  
- Speech development and behaviour  
- Checking that vaccinations are up to date and complete |
| UZ 5a+b        | Dental examination  
60 to 66 months | - Fluoride recommendations  
- Adult teeth are beginning to come through |
| UZ 6           | Dental examination  
around 6 years | - Protective measures for adult teeth and information about losing teeth |