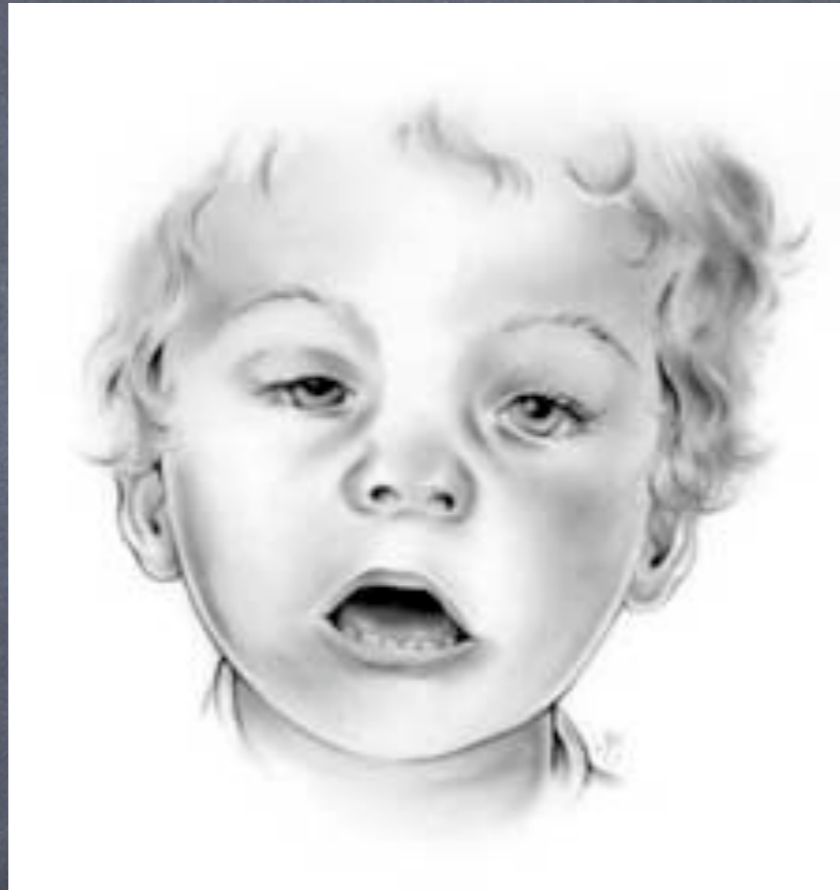


Fetal Alcohol Syndrome



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What is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome?

- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is a result of a teratogenic drug effect during the embryonic period.
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is when pregnant women drinks alcohol during the embryonic period of her pregnancy.

What Causes Fetal Alcohol Syndrome?

- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is caused by the mother ingesting alcohol during the embryonic stage during her pregnancy.
- Alcohol easily crosses the placenta.

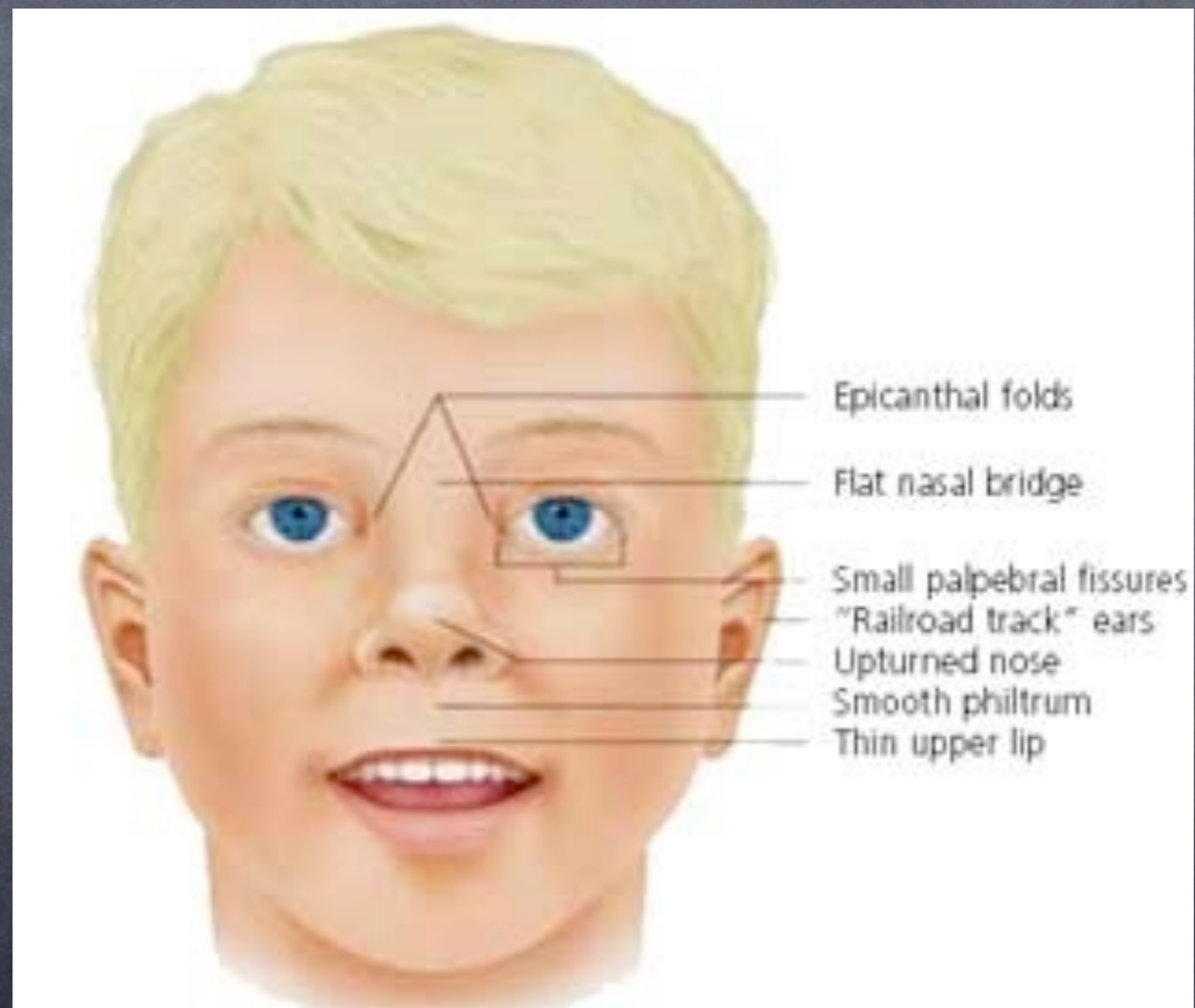
The Signs of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome can result in prenatal and postnatal growth deficiency, mental retardation, and other anomalies.
- The child may have a cluster of facial changes:
 - Small head circumference
 - a low nasal bridge
 - a short nose
 - a small mid-face
 - widely spaced eyes with epicanthic folds
 - eyelid fissures
 - indistinct philtrum
 - a thin upper lip

What Dental Hygienist need to know before treating a patient with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome?

- A patient with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome has Oral Changes such as:
 - an anterior open bite
 - crowding of the dentition
 - mouth breathing
 - related gingivitis may occur due to increase in the habit of finger sucking

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Patients with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

