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Factors of risk to early childhood caries in a selected district in Sri Lanka

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The objective of this study was to determine the prevention of early childhood caries among children below five years in selected district in Sri Lanka. Further the treatment needs for early childhood caries and the impact of early childhood caries on mothers was also assessed. ECC should be recognised as a priority health problem and dental service for children should be planned organized to be made available and accessible to children below five years. Early screening of all children, screening of pregnant mothers and health education programmes intergraded into the existing MCH services would be an effective method in reducing the prevalence of ECC in Sri Lanka