

Teething

Most babies start teething at 6 to 7 months. A few early birds begin at 3 to 4 months. While the majority of babies aren't troubled by the teething process, some get irritable, eat poorly, and have trouble sleeping when teeth begin to arrive. They may also develop loose stools and fever which usually does not exceed 102 degrees Fahrenheit.

If your baby seems uncomfortable and is above three months of age, you may want to try some Baby Ambesol or Baby Oragel topically on the gums to alleviate teething pain. If this gives relief it is a good indicator that the discomfort was secondary to teething pain. Remember this relief is usually short lived. Occasionally you may want to give him/her Tylenol (acetaminophen). A dosage chart appears on the [fever dosing tab](#) on of this website. Remember that acetaminophen is a generalized pain reliever. If your infant is needing acetaminophen every 4 hours around the clock then you should be suspicious of another source of discomfort other than teething pain and have your child evaluated by your pediatrician. Some babies are also helped by teething toys and teething biscuits.