

Pointers for Parents

Taking Care Of Teething

(NAPSA)—While new parents tend to look forward to milestones in their infants' lives, teething can seem more like a millstone. Fortunately, there are things you can do about it. Parents should know most babies' first teeth appear between three months and one year after birth. As the teeth push through the gum line, it's quite common for babies to experience symptoms such as drooling, irritability, restlessness and inflamed gums.

While it's impossible to ensure every day is full of smiles when raising a toddler, parents can quickly alleviate the pain of teething—which is a major source of tears and crankiness—by using pediatrician-used teething pain medicine such as Baby Orajel to soothe baby's gums and crankiness.

Teething is not only difficult for babies and their families, it can also be annoying to others. According to a survey by the makers of Baby Orajel which asked Americans where they least like to encounter a cranky baby, over 56 percent of survey respondents claimed that a movie theater was the worst place to experience a crying baby.

The second least-favorite location was being trapped with one on an airplane (22 percent). Church or religious function (12 percent) and at a restaurant (10



Parents—and others—don't have to put up with babies being cranky over teething pain.

percent) also garnered votes in the survey. The survey did find, however, that crying babies aren't nearly as annoying as other loud noises. For example, respondents said that the most frustrating sound to hear is a car alarm (39 percent) followed by a jackhammer (28 percent), with a crying baby coming in third (21 percent). Finally, the survey showed that parents, who are more accustomed to the sound of cranky infants, are less likely than those without children to get annoyed by the sound of a crying baby. Specifically, 25 percent of nonparents named a baby crying as the most frustrating sound to hear, while only 15 percent of parents agreed with that statement.

For more information about easing teething pain, visit www.orajel.com.