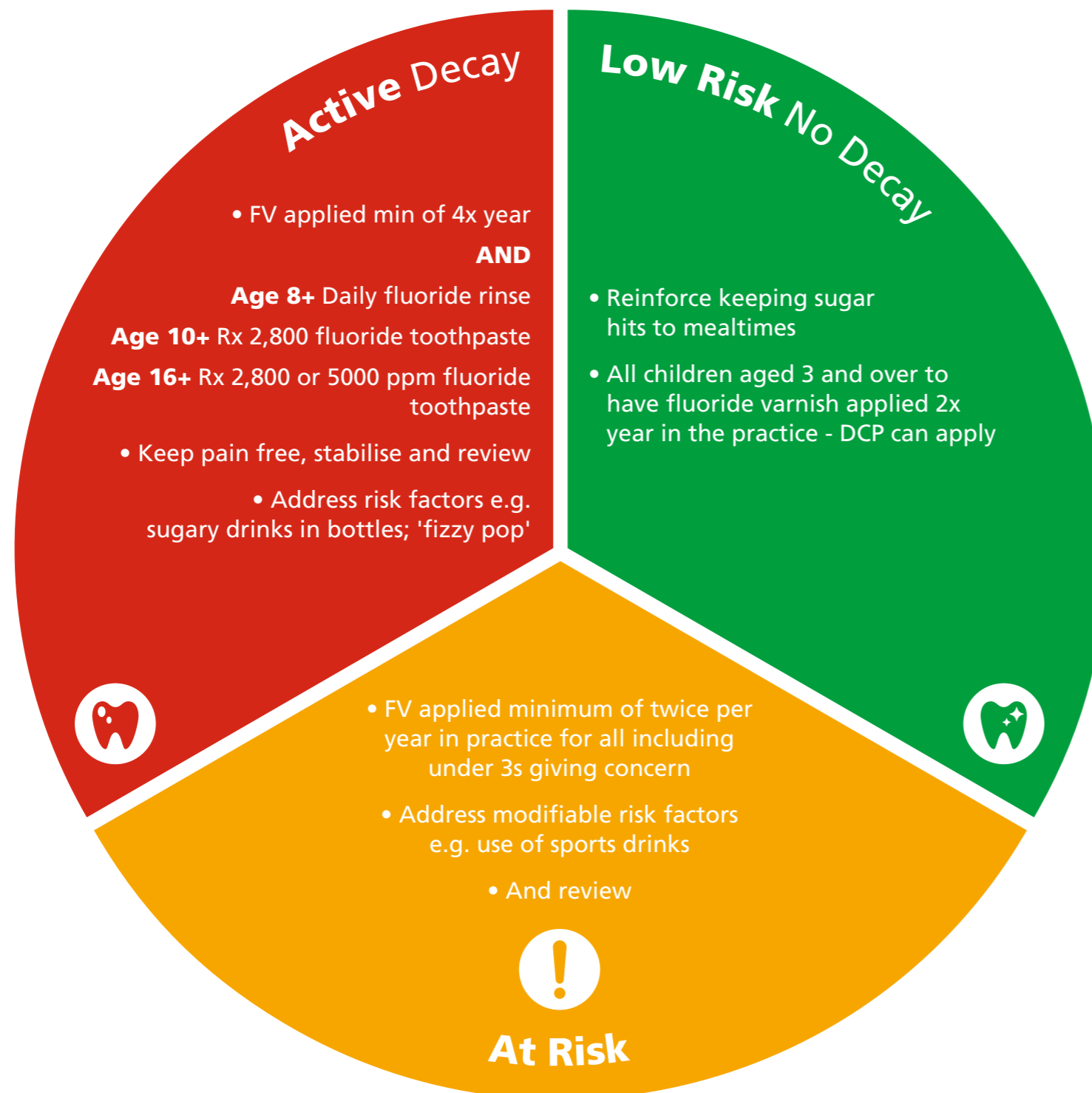


# Assessment of Clinical Oral Risk and Need (ACORN)

## Do it well once per year

### Expectations

#### Tooth Decay - Children



### Toothbrushing advice for all

- Brush their teeth for them until age 7 - last thing at night and one other time daily using family fluoride toothpaste containing 1,350 - 1,500ppm fluoride
- Under 3 yrs. a smear of toothpaste; 3+ pea-sized amount
- Spit don't rinse after brushing
- Reinforce keeping sugar hits to mealtimes
- Nothing sugary to eat or drink in the hour before bed
- Keep the child happy



### Radiographic Assessment for all

#### Indications for bitewings:

Children age 4+ if cooperative

FGDP radiography guidelines on frequency of bitewings:

**High risk:** 6-12 months

#### All children:

12-18 months (primary teeth)  
24 months (permanent teeth)

#### Contraindications:

Lack of compliance,  
spaced dentition

