

Invitation to Participate

Dear colleagues,

Oral Health is an important and inseparable part of total health. Dental diseases are the most neglected of most prevalent chronic diseases. Pediatricians and general practitioners have the opportunity to provide care to children 6 times before the recommended visit to dentist.

The aim of this survey is to assess pediatricians and general practitioners' knowledge regarding dental health, prevention and referral patterns to pediatric dentists.

Kindly, we are asking you to participate in this Survey. Participation is voluntary and the results will remain anonymous. Completion of this survey will only take 5 minutes.

This study is conducted by a group of dentists from King Saud University.

Thank You

Part I: (choose only one)

Kindly select from the following:				
1- Age:				
a- 25-35yrs	b- 36-45yrs	c- 46-55yrs	d- 56-65yrs	
2- Gender:				
a- Male		b- Female		
3- Specialty:				
a- GP		b- Pediatrician:		
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine 2. Allergy, Immunology and BMT 3. Behavioral Pediatrics 4. Cardiology 5. Craniofacial Anomalies 6. Critical Care 7. Emergency Medicine 8. Endocrinology 9. Gastroenterology (GI), Hepatology, Nutrition 10. General Pediatrics 11. Hematology/Oncology 12. Hospital Medicine 13. Infectious Diseases and Global Health 14. Medical Genetics 15. Neonatology 16. Nephrology 17. Neurology 18. Pulmonary Medicine 19. Rehabilitation Rheumatology 		
4- Years of experience:				
a- 1-5 yrs	b- 6-10 yrs	c- 11-20 yrs	d- 21-30 yrs	e- >30yrs
5- Practice:				
a- Private		b- Governmental	c- Academic	
6- Have you ever received any children' oral health information during your study/practice?				
a- Yes		b- No		
7- What are your current sources of oral health information?				
a- Media	b- Personal communications	c- Conferences & scientific journals	d- Continuous education	e- Internet

Part II: (choose only one)

8- which of the following is most important in causing tooth decay?

- a-Frequency of sugar intake
- b-Amount of sugar intake
- c-I don't know

9- At what age the child should have the first dental visit?

- a- 6-12 month (when the first tooth erupts)
- b- 18 month
- c- 2 - 3years

10- From the following choose your management when you see a neonatal tooth?

- a- Reassure parents and recall in 1 month
- b-Refer to pediatric dentist
- c-Refer to pediatric dentist only if the tooth is mobile or there was feeding problem
- d- Self management (remove tooth)

11- Early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay) only affects bottle feeding children and do not affect Breast feeding children?

- a-True
- b-False

12- Chronic illnesses in child's early life have no influence on teeth's development?

- a-True
- b-False

13- A 3-year-old child living in non-fluoridated area needs fluoride supplements?

- a-True
- b-False

14- Does the mothers dental health affect her child?

- a- Yes
- b- No

Part III: (choose only one)

Please indicate the likelihood to incorporate the following preventive measures in your daily practice with children:

Preventive measures	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Highly unlikely
15- Examining the child's oral cavity & teeth even if not medically required				
16- Applying topical fluoride (i.e gel, varnish)				
17- Providing specific diet and oral hygiene advice to prevent dental caries				
18- Advising all parents to visit the dentist for checkups every 6 months				

Part IV: (choose only one)

From the following situations how likely would you refer your patient to a pediatric dentist					
	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
19- A Child who you examined and found dental caries					
20- A child whose growth rate is below normal					
21- A child with a chronic medical condition					
22- A child with a planned operation in the near future					
23- A child with a history of oral / facial trauma					
24- A child with a disability or learning difficulty					
25- A Child with oral or dental pain / swelling.					

26- To whom would you refer: (choose only one)

- a. I don't refer
- b. Any dentist at the same hospital or practice
- c. To a specific colleague at specific practice
- d. I only advice parents to consult a dentist

27- from the following factors, which might prevent you from referring to a dentist?

(You can choose more than one)

- a- Un insured patients
- b- Private insurance
- c- Difficult access to dentists
- d-Patient <2 years of age
- e-Medically/behaviorally compromised
- f-Parent lack of compliance
- g-No barriers

Part V: (choose only one)

28- Do you encourage adding a module on oral health and dental care to the undergraduate medical school physical examination skill courses and an oral health rotation to pediatric residency curriculums?

- c- Yes
- d- No

Thank You for Your Participation