

Mott Poll Questions



Early Dental Care

The following questions were answered by parents of children age 0-5 years.

Q1. In your opinion, at what age should children have their first visit to a dentist?

[drop-down box, ages 0-8 years]

Q2. Why did you select that age?

1. Child's doctor suggested it
2. Dentist suggested it
3. Read it in parenting book/information
4. That's when I first went to the dentist
5. Advice from friends/family
6. Other

Q3. Has your child been to the dentist?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Q4. How old was your child at their first dentist visit?

[drop-down box, ages 0-5 years]

Q5. Did you think the first dentist visit was worthwhile?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Q6. Why has your child not been to the dentist?

1. Child's teeth are healthy
2. Child isn't old enough to go to the dentist
3. Child would be scared of dentist
4. Costs too much/no dental insurance
5. Children only need to go to the dentist if there is a problem
6. Couldn't find a dentist who sees children that young
7. Other

Q7. What type of dental insurance does your child have?

1. Dental plan through parent's job
2. Private dental plan that parent purchased
3. Medicaid or other government insurance
4. Other
5. None – no dental insurance

Participants were also asked demographic questions on gender, race/ethnicity, annual household income, education and insurance status.

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