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1.	In your opinion, what is the best way to prevent tooth decay? (Choose one answer)
	□ Going to a dentist
	□ Brushing teeth
	Cleaning infant's gums
	Brushing teeth with fluoride toothpaste
	□ Flossing teeth
	Using fluoridated water (drinking tap water)
	□ Using fluorides (<i>fluoride varnish/supplement</i>)
	□ Don't know
	Other (please explain)
2.	In your opinion, what is one early sign of tooth decay? (Choose one answer)
	□ White spots on child's front teeth
	□ Black/brown spots on child's front teeth
	Black/brown spots on back teeth
	□ Cavity/hole in back teeth
	Plague buildup Pain in mouth
	Den't know (Not sure

- Don't know/Not sure
- Other (please explain)

3. In your opinion, how important are baby teeth? Would you say they are:



4. Many mothers/caregivers believe they can do what is necessary to prevent tooth decay in their children's teeth, others are not sure. How sure are you that you can prevent your child's teeth from getting cavities?

Very	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	No	Don't
Sure	Sure	Unsure	Unsure	Opinion	Know

Do you drink tap water? (water from a faucet)
 □ Yes □ No

6. If you don't drink tap water, why not? (Choose one answer)

- □ Tastes terrible
- 🗆 Unsafe
- □ My family drinks bottled water
- □ All my friends drink bottled water
- □ We drink well water
- Other (please explain) _____
- 7. What do you think fluoride is used for? (Choose one answer)
 - $\hfill\square$ Used to clean teeth
 - \Box Used to prevent tooth decay
 - \Box Used to purify water
 - \Box Used to whiten teeth
 - □ Used to prevent plaque
 - □ Don't know/Not sure
 - Other (please explain) _____

8. When did you last brush your teeth?

- □ This morning
- □ Last night
- □ Don't know/Don't remember

Other (please explain) _____

- 9. When you brush your teeth what do you put on your toothbrush?
 - □ Toothpaste
 - □ Baking soda
 - □ Nothing
 - Other (please explain)
- 10. Do you think that when you grow older you will lose all or most of your teeth?

Yes	Probably Yes	No	Probably No	No Opinion	Don't Know

If you are pregnant, please answer Questions 12 and 13. If you are not, please skip to Question 14

11. Thinking about this pregnancy, how many weeks pregnant were you when you went to your first prenatal <u>dental</u> visit?

□ I haven't been to the dentist during this pregnancy

- □ 13 weeks or less
- □ 14-27 weeks
- □ More than 27 weeks
- □ Don't know/Don't remember
- 12. Have you completed all treatment recommended by your dentist during this pregnancy?

🗆 Yes 🛛 No

13. I can afford to buy toothpaste and toothbrushes for my family.



14. Thinking about your last health appointment, your provider explained things in a way that was easy to understand

Never	Sometimes	Usually	Always

15. Thinking about your last health appointment, your provider spent enough time with you

Never	Sometimes	Usually	Always

16. I am comfortable asking my health provider if I have concerns about my teeth or gums.

Never	Sometimes	Usually	Always

17. How sure are you that you can follow the written instructions on a bottle of Tylenol or Aspirin?

Not Sure	A little	Somewhat	Quite	Extremely
at all	Sure	Sure	Sure	Sure

18. How often do you have someone help you read printed materials that your health care provider gave you?

Never	Sometimes	Occasionally	Often	Always

19. What is your most important source of dental health information? (Choose one answer)

- Internet/ Social media
- 🗆 Library
- Doctor
- Dentist
- □ Family/Friends
- □ TV/Radio
- Other (please explain) ______
- 20. How old are you? _____

21. What is your highest grade you completed in school?

- □ Less than High School
- □ High School Graduate
- □ Technical School
- □ Some College
- □ Graduated College
- Graduate School
- 22. Are you Hispanic/Latino?
 - 🗆 Yes 🛛 No

23. What is your race? (Choose all that apply)

- □ American Indian or Alaska Native
- □ Asian
- □ Black or African American
- □ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- □ White
- □ Race/ethnicity unknown

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Survey of Dental Caries Prevention: Patients Scoring Rubric

This document describes how to score the Dental Survey.

- The survey has 22 questions.
- The demographic and informational questions are not scored.
 - Demographic and informational questions: 6, 11, 19-22
- The scoring for each question is explained below the question.
- The correct answer for each question is high-lighted in yellow.

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- □ Flossing teeth
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- □ Using fluorides (*fluoride varnish/supplement*)
- 🗆 Don't know
- Other (please explain)

SCORE: Using fluoridated water = 1; all other items = 0

2. In your opinion, what is one early sign of tooth decay? (Choose one answer)

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SCORE: White spots on child's front teeth = 1; all other items = 0

3. In your opinion, how important are baby teeth? Would you say they are:

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion	Don't know/ Not sure	
SCORE: Very Important = 1; all other items = 0					

4. Many mothers/caregivers believe they can do what is necessary to prevent tooth decay in their children's teeth, others are not sure. How sure are you that you can prevent your child's teeth from getting cavities?

Very Sure	Somewhat Sure	Somewhat Unsure	Very Unsure	No Opinion	Don't Know	
SCORE: Very Sure = 1; all other items = 0						

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SCORE: Used to prevent tooth decay = 1; all other items = 0

- 8. When did you last brush your teeth?
 - This morning
 Last night
 - □ Don't know/Don't remember
 - □ Other (please explain)
 - SCORE: This morning = 1; all other items = 0
- 9. When you brush your teeth what do you put on your toothbrush?

Toothpaste

- □ Baking soda
- Nothing
- □ Other (please explain) ____

SCORE: Toothpaste = 1; all other items = 0

10. Do you think that when you grow older you will lose all or most of your teeth?

Yes	Probably Yes	No	Probably No	No Opinion	Don't Know
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NOT Scored (informational)

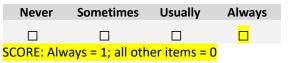
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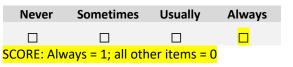
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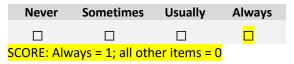
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- □ TV/Radio
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SCORE: Dentist or Doctor = 1; all other items = 0

These demographic questions are not scored.

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