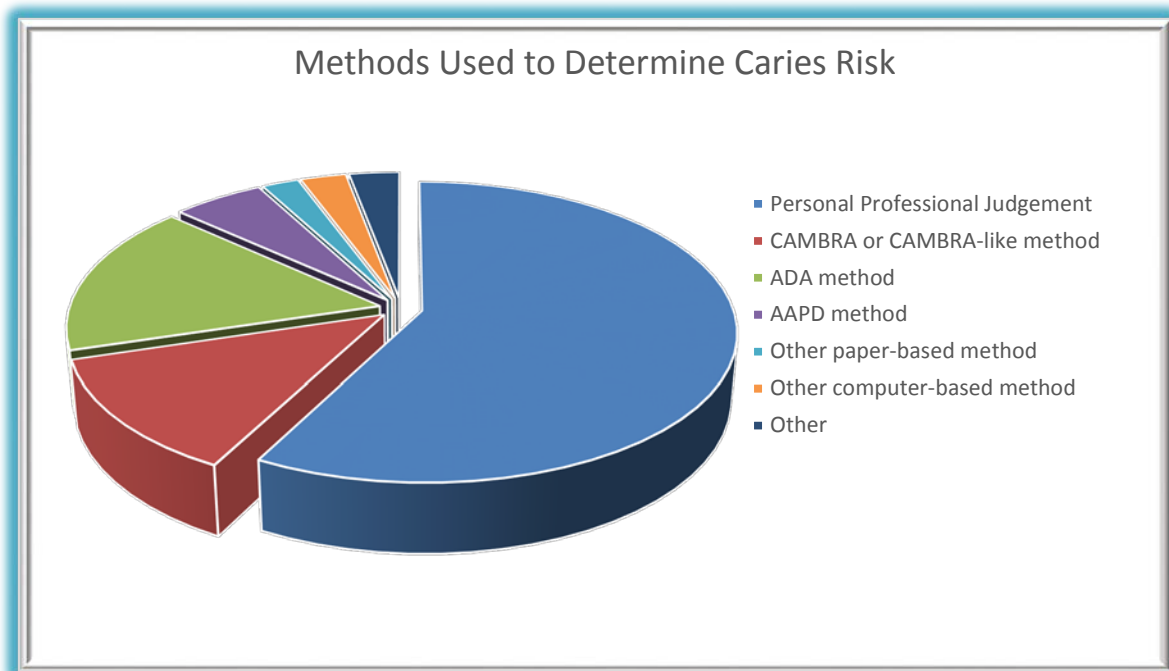


## Quick Poll Results—Caries Risk Assessment

Personal professional judgement was the typical method in determining caries risk, our April 2015 Quick Poll found.



Nearly 90% of respondent's patients are adults. These adults are predominantly in the age range 45 to 64 years. In regard to determining caries risk, the typical method was personal professional judgment (84%). More than 100 comments supplemented the three quick poll questions. The comments seemed to indicate personal professional judgment of clinicians includes a wide range of factors and methods to determine caries risk. Furthermore, many comments raised concerns about caries risk assessment methods other than a clinician's personal professional judgment. Specifically these concerns included accuracy of the method, time to execute the method, and effect of future oral health status as a consequence of clinical use of the method.

A hypothesis that appears to summarize the opinion of quick poll respondents is: A standardized caries risk assessment method may lack reliability, validity, take too much time, or have no effect on future oral health status for acceptable clinical use. Testing the hypothesis would be a good thing to do.

To continue the conversation, go to Quick Poll Results in the [Member Forum](#).