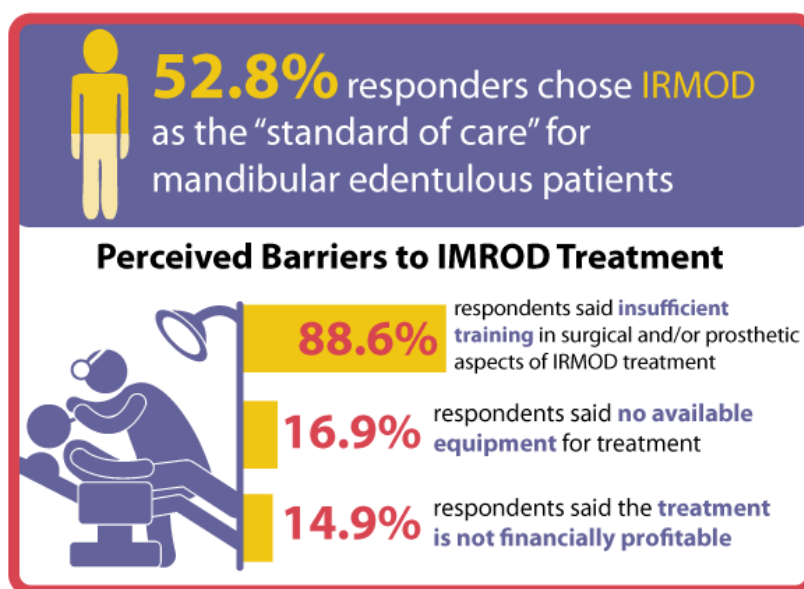


Implant-Retained Mandibular Overdenture Poll Results

There is overwhelming evidence that an implant-retained mandibular overdenture (IRMOD) provides better chewing ability, stability, and retention; greater patient satisfaction; and improved quality of life when compared to conventional mandibular dentures. Nonetheless, among edentulous patients in the U.S. who are suffering from eating, working, and social problems caused by edentulism, the percentage receiving an IRMOD is not known and presumably relatively low. This quick poll investigated the attitudes and practices of dental practitioners in the Network on providing IRMOD to mandibular edentulous patients.



The poll had more than 450 responses, and 60.2 percent of dental practitioners noted that they had seen between 11 and 100 mandibular edentulous patients in the last five years, but less than 25 percent of patients received IRMOD treatment. The poll results indicated that the biggest obstacle for patient acceptance is inability to afford the additional cost of IRMOD.

The next quick poll on **digital communication** will be released April 17th.