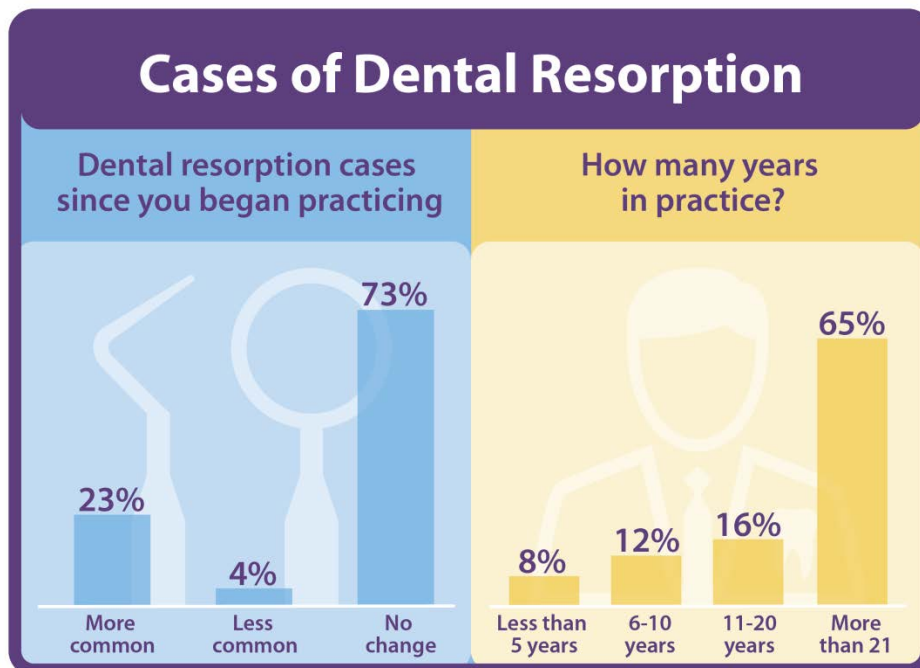


Quick Poll Results: Dental Resorption Is a Rare but Growing Problem

Almost 23 percent of our January 2016 Quick Poll respondents have seen an increase in dental resorption cases since they began their practice. This is significant since nearly two-thirds of the respondents have been in practice for more than 21 years.



Despite the increase, most respondents still rarely see cases of dental resorption. Almost 61 percent said they have identified it in less than 1 percent of their patients, and 28.5 percent have diagnosed it in 1 to 5 percent. Only 2.6 percent have found it in more than 10 percent of their patients. Endodontists see more resorption cases than general practitioners do.

External resorption occurs more than twice as often as internal or cervical resorption, the poll found. While 27 percent of respondents said the most frequent reason for resorption was trauma to the tooth, another 20 percent said the cause was orthodontics. Most (35 percent) said the cases they've most frequently seen are idiopathic and many of those are in older adults.