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Network News

Network Members Teach Dental Students About the Importance of Blood Sugar Screening

Sophomore dental students at the University of Florida College of Dentistry (UFCD) participated in an interactive session on blood sugar screening of dental patients on September 12, 2018. After the 3-hour session, students were more supportive of blood sugar screenings and agreed that the screening is a simple process.

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How To Do Oral Cancer Exams

About 1.2 percent of people in the United States will be diagnosed with oral or pharynx cancer at some point during their lifetime. About 51,540 new cases of oral cancer are expected to be diagnosed in 2018. Men are twice as likely as women to be diagnosed. Dentists and dental hygienists play an important role in detecting oral cancer. The oral cancer exam takes only a few minutes and involves checking patients' face, neck, lips, and entire mouth for possible signs of cancer.

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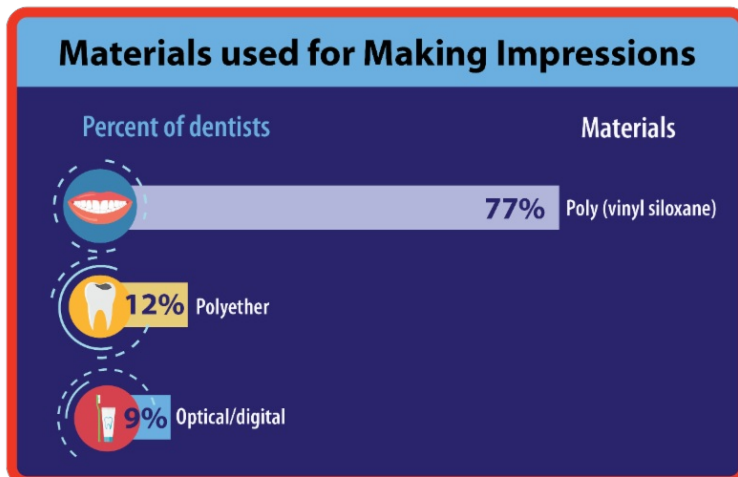


Article of Interest

Dentists Use a Wide Variety of Techniques To Prepare Teeth for Crowns

Among the many of techniques dentists are using to make single-unit crown impressions, optical scanners are becoming increasingly popular, a study in the October 2018 Journal of Prosthodontics reported. Dentists used optical scanners to make impressions about 9 percent of the time, the survey of 1,777 dentists found.

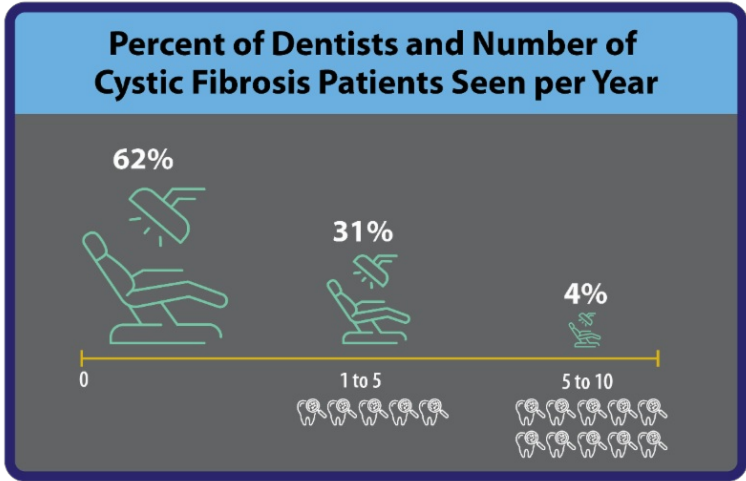
"This trend is expected to continue, as more clinicians choose to make crown impressions digitally," the study authors wrote. [Read more...](#)



Quick Poll Results

Quick Poll Results: Enamel Defects in People With Cystic Fibrosis

Most respondents to our May 2018 Quick Poll haven't had patients with cystic fibrosis (CF). But those who did said that caries and dry mouth were their CF patients' primary dental problems. About 14 percent of respondents said that they saw enamel defects in their CF patients occasionally, and 10 percent said such defects were rare. [Read more...](#)



Member Highlight

Member Highlight: Dr. Claudia Cavazos

This month we would like to highlight Claudia Cavazos, DDS, MPH, our Network Executive Committee member of the Southwest Region.

Claudia Cavazos is receiving the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) Oral Health Champion Award. [Read more...](#)

