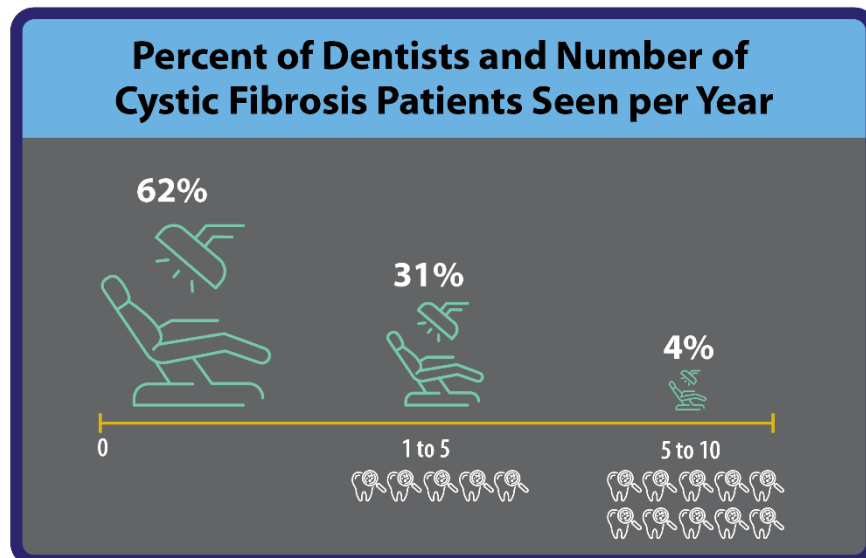


Quick Poll Results: Enamel Defects in People With Cystic Fibrosis

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.

Among the 320 respondents to the poll, 62 percent hadn't had a CF patient in their practice. About 31 percent had 1 to 5 CF patients per year, and 4 percent had 5 to 10 per year. One respondent had 1 to 5 CF patients per *month*.



The respondents who had CF patients said they had a similar number of children (over age 6) and adults (over age 18) with CF, and slightly fewer teens with CF.

Enamel defects, particularly enamel opacities, are one of the dental issues people with CF are more likely than others to face. Early, regular dental visits may prevent such defects from becoming a problem.

Asked if they would like to participate in an observational study on enamel defects in CF patients, most respondents said yes but their lack of CF patients would be an obstacle.

To continue the conversation about treating CF patients' dental needs, please visit the Quick Polls Results thread in the [Member Forum](#).