

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Deciphering the Role of Saliva in COVID 19: A Global Survey on the Knowledge, Awareness and Perception among Dentists.

Age (in completed years):

Gender:

- Male
- Female

Area of Specialization:

- General Practitioner
- Endodontics
- Restorative Dentistry
- Prosthodontics
- Orthodontics
- Periodontics
- Pedodontics
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Community Dentistry
- Oral Medicine and Radiology
- Oral Pathology
- PhD

Years of Clinical Experience:

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- Above 20 years

Occupation : (multiple options)

- Postgraduate student
- Academician
- Practitioner
- Researcher

Region:

- Africa
- India
- Other Asian Countries
- Central America
- Eastern Europe
- European Union
- Middle East
- North America
- Oceania
- South America
- The Caribbean

Email:

1. What is the average number of patients seen per day in your dental practice?
 - a) Less than 5 patients
 - b) 5-10 patients
 - c) 11-20 patients
 - d) 21-40 patients
 - e) >40 patients

2. Will the SARS CoV-2 virus be present in the saliva of a COVID -19 infected patient?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) I don't know

3. Do you believe that dentists may acquire the SARS CoV-2 virus infection from salivary bioaerosols?
 - a) Strongly disagree
 - b) Disagree
 - c) Neither agree nor disagree
 - d) Agree
 - e) Strongly agree

4. Do you think dentists can acquire the SARS CoV-2 virus when conversing with a patient in a radius of 2metres?
 - a) Strongly disagree
 - b) Disagree
 - c) Neither agree nor disagree
 - d) Agree
 - e) Strongly agree

5. Do you think a salivary sample is as effective as nasopharyngeal swab in early detection of SARS CoV-2 virus?
 - a) Strongly disagree
 - b) Disagree
 - c) Neither agree nor disagree
 - d) Agree
 - e) Strongly agree

6. Preprocedural mouth rinse is required prior to salivary sample collection.
 - a) Strongly disagree
 - b) Disagree
 - c) Neither agree nor disagree
 - d) Agree
 - e) Strongly agree

7. Dental healthcare workers are at risk of acquiring SARS CoV-2 virus during the process of taking an Intraoral radiograph.
 - a) Strongly disagree
 - b) Disagree
 - c) Neither agree nor disagree
 - d) Agree
 - e) Strongly agree

8. The highest expression of ACE2+ receptors in the oral cavity is in the
 - a) Tongue
 - b) Salivary glands
 - c) Gingiva

- d) Buccal mucosa
9. SARS CoV-2 virus could survive in the saliva for up to 1 month.
- a) Strongly disagree
 - b) Disagree
 - c) Neither agree nor disagree
 - d) Agree
 - e) Strongly agree
10. Saliva may provide a protective mechanism against SARS CoV-2 virus.
- a) Strongly disagree
 - b) Disagree
 - c) Neither agree nor disagree
 - d) Agree
 - e) Strongly agree
11. Is hyposalivation one of the symptoms of COVID 19 disease?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) I don't know
12. Do you think salivary sample is more sensitive and consistent than nasopharyngeal swabs ?
- a) Strongly disagree
 - b) Disagree
 - c) Neither agree nor disagree
 - d) Agree
 - e) Strongly agree
13. Is there any approved diagnostic test that uses salivary sample for detecting SARS CoV-2 (COVID- 19) virus?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) I don't know
- Answer: Yes
14. Do you think dental healthcare workers can collect the salivary samples for SARS CoV-2 virus screening?

- a) Strongly disagree
- b) Disagree
- c) Neither agree nor disagree
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly agree

15. Salivary samples can be self- collected by the patient himself.

- a) Strongly disagree
- b) Disagree
- c) Neither agree nor disagree
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly agree

16. Which of the following is/are the approach(es) for salivary sample collection.

- a) Spitting into a collection tube
- b) Coughing out saliva
- c) Drooling
- d) Parotid gland secretions

17. A trained healthcare worker is required for salivary sample collection.

- a) Strongly disagree
- b) Disagree
- c) Neither agree nor disagree
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly agree

18. Can salivary antibodies play a role in yielding a vaccine to combat COVID 19 in the future?

- a) Strongly disagree
- b) Disagree
- c) Neither agree nor disagree
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly agree

19. In the context of COVID 19, rate the role of saliva :

*Score 0 indicates bane and score 10 indicates boon
Score: