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Survey Questions
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Preventive Care

Q.MH27, NHANES I, 1971–1975

How many times a day do you usually brush your teeth?
_____ Times

Q.MH32a, b, NHANES I, 1971–1975

a. Have you ever had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

b. When was the last time they were cleaned?

- 1 Less than 1 year ago
- 2 1-2 years ago
- 3 3-4 years ago
- 4 5 or more years ago

Q.B17, HHANES, 1982–1984

Have you ever had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Q.B18, HHANES, 1982–1984

When was the last time they were cleaned?

- 1 6 months ago or less
- 2 Over 6 months to 12 months
- 3 Over 12 months to 2 years
- 4 Over 2 years to 5 years
- 5 More than 5 years
- 9 Don't know

Q.B19, HHANES, 1982–1984

During the past 2 years, how many times have you had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or a dental hygienist?

- 1 Once
- 2 Twice
- 3 Three times
- 4 Four or more times

9 Don't know

Q.OHQ.040, NHANES, 1999–2002

During the past 3 years, {have/has} {you/SP} been to the dentist for routine check-ups or cleanings?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

Q.OHQ.050, NHANES, 1999–2002

During the past 3 years, how often {have you/has SP} gone to the dentist for routine check-ups or cleanings?

- 1 2 or more times a year
- 2 Once a year
- 3 Less than once a year
- 4 Whenever needed, no regular schedule
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

Q.O7a, b, NHIS, 1986

a. Now I am going to ask about some things that people may be doing to take care of their teeth.

What does ___ use when ___ brushes ___ teeth - toothpaste, tooth powder, or something else?

- 1 Toothpaste
- 8 Other, specify _____

b. What brand did - - use most often during the past two weeks?

- 1 Crest
- 2 Crest Tartar Control
- 3 Colgate
- 4 Dentagard
- 5 Aquafresh
- 6 Aim
- 8 Other, specify _____
- 9 Don't know

Q.Z8, NHIS, 1990

In your opinion, which ONE of these is the BEST method for preventing tooth decay?

- 1 Limiting sugary snacks
- 2 Using fluoridated water and dental products with fluoride
- 3 Chewing sugarless gum
- 4 Brushing and flossing the teeth
- 5 Visiting the dentist every 6 months
- 9 Don't know

Q.SAQ.34, NMES, 1987

How often do you brush your teeth?

- 1 More than once a day
- 2 Once a day
- 3 Every few days
- 4 Ever few weeks
- 5 Never

Q.SAQ.35, NMES, 1987

Did you use dental floss yesterday?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Q.OHQ.870, NHANES, 2009–2010

Aside from brushing {your/his/her} teeth with a toothbrush, in the last seven days, how many days did {you/SP} use dental floss or any other device to clean between {your/his/her} teeth?

|__| ENTER NUMBER OF DAYS

77 REFUSED

99 DON'T KNOW

Q.DN04, MEPS HC, 1996; 1997; 1998; 1999; 2000; 2001; 2002; 2003; 2004; 2005

What did (person) have done during this visit? Probe: What else was done?

- 1 General exam, checkup or consultation
- 2 Cleaning, prophylaxis, or polishing
- 3 X-rays, radiographs, or bitewings
- 4 Fluoride treatment
- 5 Sealant (plastic coatings on back teeth)
- 6 Fillings
- 7 Inlays
- 8 Crowns or caps
- 9 Root canal
- 10 Periodontal scaling, root planing, or gum surgery
- 11 Periodontal recall visit (periodic or regular)
- 12 Extraction, tooth pulled
- 13 Implants
- 14 Abscess or infection treatment
- 15 Other oral surgery
- 16 Fixed bridges
- 17 Dentures or removable partial dentures
- 18 Relining or repair of bridges or dentures
- 19 Orthodontia, braces, or retainers
- 20 Bond, whiten, or bleach
- 21 Treatment for TMD or TMJ
- 99 Other
- 7 Ref

-8 Don't know

Q.6.3, BRFSS, Section 6, 1999; Module 6, 2000

How long has it been since you had your teeth "cleaned" by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- 1 Within the past year (1 to 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 to 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 5 years (2 to 5 years ago)
- 4 5 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know/Not sure
- 8 Never
- 9 Refused

Q.3, BRFSS, Module 6, 2001; Section 7, 2002; Module 2, 2003; Section 11, 2004; Module 2, 2005; Section 6, 2006; Section 7, 2008; Section 7, 2010

How long has it been since you had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 5 years (2 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 4 5 or more years ago
- 7 Don't know/Not sure
- 8 Never
- 9 Refused

Q.S4Q09, SLAITS/National Survey of Children's Health, 2003; 2007

During the past 12 months/since [his/her] birth, did [CHILD] see a dentist for any routine preventive dental care, including check-ups, screenings, and sealants? Include all types of dentists, such as orthodontists, oral surgeons, and all other dental specialists.

- 0 No
- 1 Yes
- 6 Don't know
- 7 Refused

Q.S4Q10, SLAITS/National Survey of Children's Health, 2003; 2007

During the past 12 months/Since [CHILD]'s birth, was there any time when [CHILD] needed routine preventive dental care?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes
- 6 Don't know
- 7 Refused

Q.S4Q13, SLAITS/National Survey of Children's Health, 2003; 2007

During the past 12 months/Since [his/her] birth, did [he/she] receive all the routine preventive dental care [he/she] needed?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes
- 6 Don't know
- 7 Refused

Q.S4Q14, SLAITS/National Survey of Children's Health, 2003; 2007

Why did [CHILD] not get all the dental care that [he/she] needed?

- Cost too much
- No insurance
- Health plan problem
- Can't find dentist who accepts child's insurance
- Not available in area/transport problems
- Not convenient times/could not get appointment
- Dentist did not know how to treat or provide care
- Dissatisfaction with dentist
- Did not know where to go for treatment
- Child refused to go
- Treatment is ongoing
- Other
- No referral
- Lack of resources at school

Q.C4Q05_X031, SLAITS/National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs, 2005

During the past 12 months/since birth, was there any time when (S.C. needed) preventive dental care, such as check-ups and dental cleaning?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 77 Don't know
- 99 Refused

a. Did (S.C.) receive all the preventive dental care that {he/she} need?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 77 Don't know
- 99 Refused

b. Why did (S.C.) not get the preventive dental care that {he/she} needed?

- 01 Cost too much
- 02 No insurance
- 03 Health plan problem
- 04 Can't find provider who accepts child's insurance
- 05 Not available in area/transport problems
- 06 Not convenient times/could not get appointment
- 07 Provider did not know how to treat or provide care
- 08 Dissatisfaction with provider
- 09 Did not know where to go for treatment
- 10 Child refused to go
- 11 Treatment is ongoing

- 12 Vaccine shortage
- 13 No referral
- 14 Lack of resources at school
- 15 Did not go to appt/neglected appt/forgot appt
- 16 Other
- 77 Don't know
- 99 Refused

c. Did (S.C.) get any preventive dental care during the past 12 months/since (his/her) birth?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 77 Don't know
- 99 Refused

Q.K4Q21, SLAITS/National Survey of Children's Health, 2007

During the past 12 months/Since [his/her] birth], how many times did [S.C.] see a dentist for preventive dental care, such as check-ups and dental cleanings?

_____ TIMES
 996 DON'T KNOW
 997 REFUSED

Q.K4Q28, SLAITS/National Survey of Children's Health, 2007

What type of care was delayed or not received? Was it medical care, dental care, mental health services, or something else? [MARK ALL THAT APPLY]

- 1 MEDICAL CARE
- 2 DENTAL CARE
- 3 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 6 DON'T KNOW
- 7 REFUSE

Q.Y2, PRAMS Phase 5 Standard, 2004–2008

Have you ever had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- No
- Yes

Q.Y3, PRAMS Phase 5 Standard, 2004–2008

When did you have your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- a. Before my most recent pregnancy
- b. During my most recent pregnancy
- c. After my most recent pregnancy

Q.DU4, MCBS, 2006

Is (PROVIDER) associated with (your/SP's) [READ MANAGED CARE PLAN NAME(S) BELOW] plan?

1 YES

2 NO

-7 DON'T KNOW

-8 REFUSED

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