

Survey Questionnaire: Parental Knowledge and Attitudes About Pediatric Space Maintainers

Section 1: Demographic Information

1. What is your age group?

- Under 25
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54

2. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary

3. What is your highest educational qualification?

- Undergraduate Degree
- Postgraduate Degree
- PhD
- Professional Degree

4. How many children do you have?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more

Section 2: Knowledge About Space Maintainers (Close-Ended)

5. Have you ever heard of a space maintainer?

- Yes
- No

6. What do you believe is the main purpose of a space maintainer? (Choose one)

- To maintain space for permanent teeth to erupt
- To correct crooked teeth
- To reduce tooth decay
- I don't know

7. Which of the following are types of space maintainers you are aware of? (Select all that apply)

- Band and loop
- Crown and loop
- Lingual arch
- Distal shoe
- I have heard of space maintainers, but cannot name any
- I don-t know any types

8. In your opinion, how common is the use of space maintainers in children?

- Very common
- Somewhat common
- Rare
- I-m not sure

9. Do you think space maintainers are necessary if a child loses a tooth early?

- Yes, always
- Sometimes
- No, never
- I-m not sure

Section 3: Attitudes Toward Space Maintainers

9. How comfortable are you with using a space maintainer for your child?

- Very comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Neutral
- Somewhat uncomfortable
- Very uncomfortable

10. If uncomfortable, what are your reasons? (Select all that apply)

- Cost
- Fear of complications
- Lack of knowledge
- Other (please specify)

11. Would you be willing to consider a second opinion if advised to use a space maintainer?

- Very willing
- Somewhat willing
- Not very willing
- Not willing at all

12. Would you consider any alternatives to space maintainers (e.g., braces)?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Section 4: Information Sources

13. Where did you first hear about space maintainers?

- Dentist
- Social Media
- Community
- Other

14. Have you discussed space maintainers with a dental professional?

- Yes
- No

15. Have you received information on this topic from other parents or forums?

- Yes
- No

16. Have you searched the internet to learn more about space maintainers?

- Yes
- No