



Secondary caries, we all have to deal with it!

According to our recent April 2017 Quick Poll, secondary caries is still an important reason for restoration failure and restoration replacement. About a third of our respondents indicated that between 50 to 75% of the restoration that they replaced are due to secondary caries. Another third specified that it happened between 25 and 50% of their cases. Meanwhile less than a quarter of the respondents mentioned that replacements due to secondary caries only occurred in less than 25% of the cases.

At least a quarter of the respondents think that the frequency of failure due to secondary caries is increasing whereas two third of them think that it has remained the same over the years. Overall, a great percentage of the surveyed clinicians are at least somewhat concerned (64.8%) or very concerned (20.5%) about failure of their own placed restorations.

The dental practitioners also indicated that the main common practices to prevent secondary caries in the future are patient education, topical in-office fluoride and topical at home fluoride. About half of them (43.8%) suggested that implementing preventive practices were successful in 50% of their cases and a fifth of them mentioned that these practices were often (75%) successful.

To continue the conversation, go to the Quick Poll Results in the [Member Forum](#).