Mouth Cancer Awareness in Dental Patients

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- All the information you give will be treated in the strictest confidence.
- Once you have completed the questionnaire you should return it to the researcher or post it using the stamped envelope provided.
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SECTION A: These questions are about your use of healthcare services

1. Before today’s visit, how long ago was your last visit to the Dentist?

Within the past year □ 1 to 2 years ago □ More than 2 years ago □

2. In general do you go to the Dentist for:

A regular check up □ An occasional check up □ Only when having trouble with your teeth □

3. When did you last visit your GP?

Within the past year □ 1 to 2 years ago □ More than 2 years ago □ Never been to the GP □

4. For each of the following symptoms, please indicate which (if any) healthcare professional you would visit about that symptom. If you would not seek help for that symptom please tick the last column.

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<th>Symptom</th>
<th>Doctor (GP)</th>
<th>Dentist</th>
<th>Pharmacist</th>
<th>Other</th>
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<td>i) A sore throat that has lasted more than three weeks</td>
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<td>j) A headache that has lasted more than three weeks</td>
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SECTION B: These questions are mainly about mouth cancer awareness

1. Have you ever heard of mouth cancer?
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know/Not sure

2. Would you say you know a lot, some, a little, or nothing at all about mouth cancer?
   - A lot  
   - Some  
   - A little  
   - Nothing at all  
   - Never heard of mouth cancer

3. Are Dentists trained to check the mouth for signs of mouth cancer?
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know/Not sure

4. Does your Dentist check your mouth for signs of mouth cancer during routine dental appointments?
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know/Not sure

5. Has your mouth ever been checked for signs of mouth cancer by a Dentist?
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know/Not sure

6. When was your mouth last checked for signs of mouth cancer?
   - Today (This visit to the Dentist)  
   - Within the past year  
   - 1 to 2 years ago  
   - 2 to 3 years ago  
   - Over 3 years ago  
   - Don’t know/Not sure  
   - My mouth has never been checked for signs of mouth cancer

7. During your dental appointment, has your Dentist ever felt under your chin and around your neck?
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t know/Not sure
   (go to question 8)  
   (go to question 9)
8. Did they explain to you why they were doing this?
   Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t know/Not sure ☐

9. Would you want your dentist to tell you if they were checking your mouth for signs of mouth cancer?
   Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t know/Not sure ☐

10. Would you want your dentist to help you to reduce your risk of getting mouth cancer?
    Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t know/Not sure ☐

11. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the following statements:

    a) The dentist checking my mouth for cancer will reassure me that everything is alright.
       Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

    b) The dentist checking my mouth for mouth cancer will be a waste of time.
       Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

    c) The dentist checking my mouth for mouth cancer will give me discomfort.
       Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

    d) The dentist checking my mouth will lead to early diagnosis of mouth cancer if I have it.
       Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

12. How do you feel about having a check for mouth cancer? (Answer the three ratings: “anxiety”, “worry” and “concern” below)

    a) Not Anxious ☐ Slightly anxious ☐ Fairly anxious ☐ Very anxious ☐ Extremely anxious ☐

    b) Not Worried ☐ Slightly worried ☐ Fairly worried ☐ Very worried ☐ Extremely worried ☐

    c) Not concerned ☐ Slightly concerned ☐ Fairly concerned ☐ Very concerned ☐ Extremely concerned ☐
13. For each of the following statements, indicate whether you think it is true or false. If you are unsure, have a guess.

People are more likely to get mouth cancer if they:

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<td>b) Smoke tobacco (cigarettes, cigars or pipe)</td>
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<td>c) Drink strong tea</td>
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<td>d) Drink strong ‘filter’ coffee</td>
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<td>e) Drink decaffeinated coffee</td>
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<td>f) Chew tobacco</td>
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<td>g) Drink alcohol heavily</td>
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<td>h) Wear dentures</td>
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<td>m) Have lost all their teeth</td>
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14. A check up for mouth cancer by a Dentist:

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<td>c) Is carried out using x-rays</td>
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<td>e) Only takes a few minutes</td>
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<td>g) Is only necessary for people over 70 years old</td>
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SECTION C: The following questions are about your lifestyle.

1. How often do you have a drink that contains alcohol?

   Never □ Monthly or less □ 2 to 4 times a month □ 2 to 3 times a week □ 4 or more times a week □

2. How many standard alcoholic drinks do you have on a typical day when you are drinking?

   □ 0    □ 1 to 2    □ 3 to 4    □ 5 to 6    □ 7 to 9    □ 10 or more

3. How often do you have 6 or more standard drinks on one occasion?

   □ Never □ Less than monthly □ Monthly □ Weekly

4. Do you smoke cigarettes at all nowadays?

   Yes □ No, but I used to smoke □ (go to question 5) No, I have never smoked □ (go to question 9)

5. How soon after waking do (or did) you smoke your first cigarette of the day?

   □ Less than 5 minutes □ 5 to 14 minutes □ 15 to 29 minutes □ 30 minutes but less than 1 hour □ 1 hour but less than 2 hours □ 2 hours or more

6. How many cigarettes a day do (or did) you usually smoke at weekends?

   ____________________________________________________________

7. How many cigarettes a day do (or did) you usually smoke on weekdays?

   ____________________________________________________________
8. If you have stopped smoking cigarettes regularly, how long ago did you stop?

   6 months to a year ago 1 to 2 years ago 2 to 5 years ago 5 to 10 years ago More than 10 years ago
   □ □ □ □ □

9. Do you use any other type of tobacco (e.g. chewing tobacco)?

   Yes □ No □

SECTION D: About You

1. What is your gender?

   Male □ Female □

2. What was your age on your last birthday?

   ____________________________________________________

3. What is your marital status?

   Single, that is, never married □
   Married and living with your husband/wife □
   Married and separated from your husband/wife □
   Divorced □
   Widowed □
   Other (Please Specify) □

4. To which of these ethnic groups do you belong?

   White □
   Mixed □
   Asian or Asian British □
   Black or Black British □
   Chinese □
   Other ethnic group □

5. What is your highest educational qualification?

   ____________________________________________________

6. Have you ever had mouth cancer?

   Yes □ No □
SECTION E: The following questions are about your job

1. Have you ever worked?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
   (go to question 2) (go to PAGE 10)

The questions below refer to your current main job, or (if you are not working now) to your last main job. Please tick one box only for each question.

2. What is (was) your main occupation?
   ____________________________________________________________________________

3. Do (or did) you work as an employee or are (were) you self-employed?
   Employee ☐ Self-employed with employees ☐ Self-employed / freelance without employees ☐
   (go to question 6)

4. For employees: indicate below how many people work (worked) for your employer at the place where you work (worked).
   For self-employed: indicate below how many people you employ (employed).
   Go to question 4 when you have completed this question.
   1 to 24 ☐ 25 or more ☐

5. Do (or did) you supervise any other employees?
   A supervisor or foreman is responsible for overseeing the work of other employees on a day-to-day basis
   Yes ☐ No ☐
6. Please tick one box to show which best describes the sort of work you do.
(If you are not working now, please tick a box to show what you did in your last job).

*PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY*

- Modern professional occupations
  (such as: teacher - nurse - physiotherapist - social worker - welfare officer - artist - musician - police officer (sergeant or above) - software designer)

- Clerical and intermediate occupations
  (such as: secretary - personal assistant - clerical worker - office clerk - call centre agent - nursing auxiliary - nursery nurse)

- Senior managers or administrators
  (usually responsible for planning, organising and co-ordinating work and for finance. Such as: finance manager - chief executive)

- Technical and craft occupations
  (such as: motor mechanic - fitter - inspector - plumber - printer - tool maker - electrician - gardener - train driver)

- Semi-routine manual and service occupations
  (such as: postal worker - machine operative - security guard - caretaker - farm worker - catering assistant - receptionist - sales assistant)

- Routine manual and service occupations
  (such as: HGV driver - van driver - cleaner - porter - packer - sewing machinist - messenger - labourer - waiter / waitress - bar staff)

- Middle or junior managers
  (such as: office manager - retail manager - bank manager - restaurant manager - warehouse manager – publican)

- Traditional professional occupations
  (such as: accountant - solicitor - medical practitioner - scientist - civil / mechanical engineer)
Read the statement below and tick the box provided to give consent

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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