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Quick Poll Results: Few Members Familiar With Silver Diamine Fluoride

If your practice isn't using silver diamine fluoride (SDF), recently approved by the FDA for dental hypersensitivity in adults, you aren't alone. About half of the 397 October Quick Poll respondents were either unfamiliar or only slightly familiar with it. Less than one-fifth (17 percent) of respondents use the product, which may also help prevent cavities.

About 19 percent said they don't use SDF because of research showing that it can stain teeth; other concerns were:

- Lack of evidence about the product
- Lack of insurance reimbursement
- Difficulty finding the product
- Not suitable for their patients.

Of the respondents who use it, 45 percent used it on children ages 12 and under and 47 percent used it on disabled elderly or other patients with physical or behavioral issues who may be difficult to treat.

Respondents had a variety of comments about whether SDF works well; some said it did and others felt it was too soon to tell.

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

