

Assessment of Dentists' and Patients' Willingness to Participate in Finger-Stick Diabetes Study

Purpose: Assess the willingness of dentists and patients to participate in a study that will involve a finger-stick assessment of Blood Glucose Level.

Hypotheses: Dentists are willing to administer, and patients are willing to receive a finger-stick blood glucose check in the dentist's office to assess diabetes risk.

Methods: Single-question survey.

Results: Of 219 patients aged 35-65 surveyed, 156 (72%) said they would be willing to receive a finger-stick blood glucose check in the dentist's office to assess diabetes risk. 13 network dentists said they would be willing to offer such a screening in-office.

Future steps: These data can be used to support a grant application to conduct the in-office assessments.