Silver Diamine Fluoride: A Suit of Armor for Children: 
A South Texas Oral Health Network Short Survey

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### BACKGROUND
- Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF)
  - Colorless or blue solution
  - Silver and fluoride ions inhibit and prevent cavities
  - SDF at 38% FDA-approved in 2014
  - Safe, noninvasive procedure
  - No local or general anesthetics required
  - No removal of tooth structure

### METHODS
- STOHN Practice-Based Research Network
- 5-Question Survey: Use and Perceptions of SDF
  - Distributed via The South Texas Oral Health Network Spring 2020 Newsletter
  - Data collected anonymously

### RESULTS
- A total of 10 dental practitioners participated in the survey
- 40% of practitioners do not provide SDF
  - Yet, they would all implement it in their clinics
  - SDF is an effective method to treat cavities in children

### CONCLUSIONS
- SDF for Caries Management in Children
  - Highly Approved
  - Very Safe
  - Allows for a Manageable, More Pleasant Dental Experience
  - Raising Patient Awareness
  - Cost-Effective Solution
  - Increased Willingness to Receive Treatments

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