Supplementary material

**Questionnaire**

# Study title: practice and perception of dental practitioners on management of anxious paediatric patients

**(Please tick in the boxes provided)**

**A. Demographic data**

1. Identification code:

2. Age:

3. Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

4. Ethnicity: ☐ I-Taukei ☐ Fijian of Indian Descent ☐ Rotuman ☐ Other

5. Place of Practice:

6. Number of years of practice:

**B. What is the assessment method you use to classify dental patients with anxiety? (More than one answer can be chosen)**

☐Self-reported scales (where the child answers the questions)

☐Parent Proxy-based Assessment (the assessment is completed by the parent whereby they answer a questionnaire to measure the anxiety of their child)

☐Observation-based assessment (observation of the child’s physiological state or behavioural response in the dental context)

**C. Which assessment method has been most successful for you?**

☐Self-reported scales

☐Parent Proxy-based Assessment

☐Observation-based assessment

**D. What management techniques do you use for anxious paediatric patients?**

☐Non-pharmacological method (behaviour management technique)

☐Pharmacological method

☐Both

**E. Which behaviour management techniques do you use? (More than one answer can be chosen)**

☐Communicating behaviour management

☐Tell-show-do

☐Modelling

☐Distraction

☐Systematic desensitization

☐Positive reinforcement

☐Physical restraint

☐Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**F. Which pharmacological agents do you use? (answer only if you use these)**

☐Nitrous oxide

☐Oral sedation

☐General anaesthesia

**G. What are some challenges you face when managing paediatric patients with dental anxiety?**

☐Pre-treatment (when the child is in the waiting room)

☐When doing oral examination

☐When doing scaling

☐Giving local anaesthesia injection

☐When doing a restoration

☐When doing tooth extraction

☐Others (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**H. What are your recommendations in overcoming these challenges?**

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