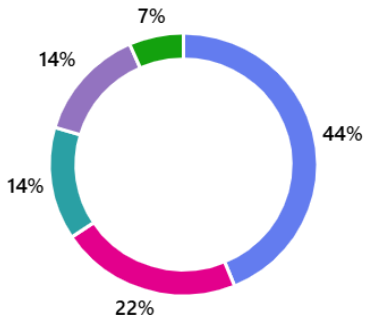
CDHM Oral Cancer Screening Survey Results

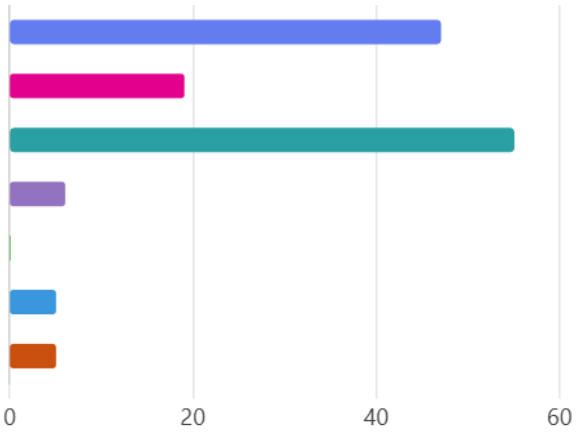
1. In your current practice setting, how consistently do you personally perform all components of a comprehensive oral cancer screening (including intraoral and extraoral examination) for every client at every visit?

Always	60
Often	30
Sometimes	19
Rarely	19
Never	9



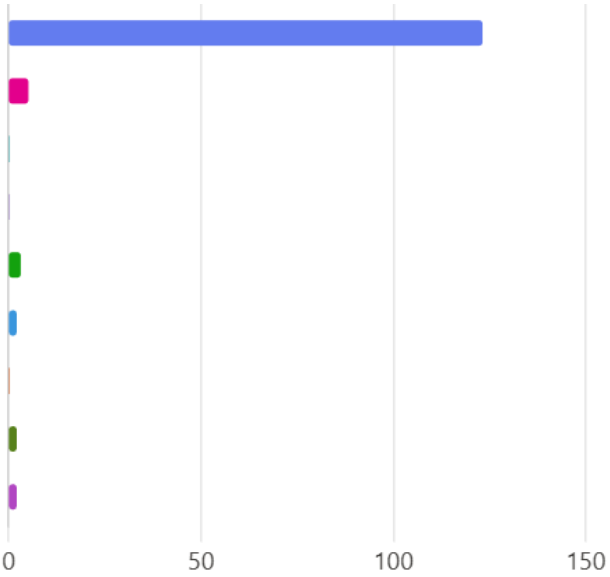
2. Within your practice setting, who most commonly performs the comprehensive oral cancer screening?

Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH)	47
Dentist	19
Shared between RDH and Dentist	55
Varies depending on client and/ or appointment type	6
Another oral health professional	0
Unsure	5
Other	5

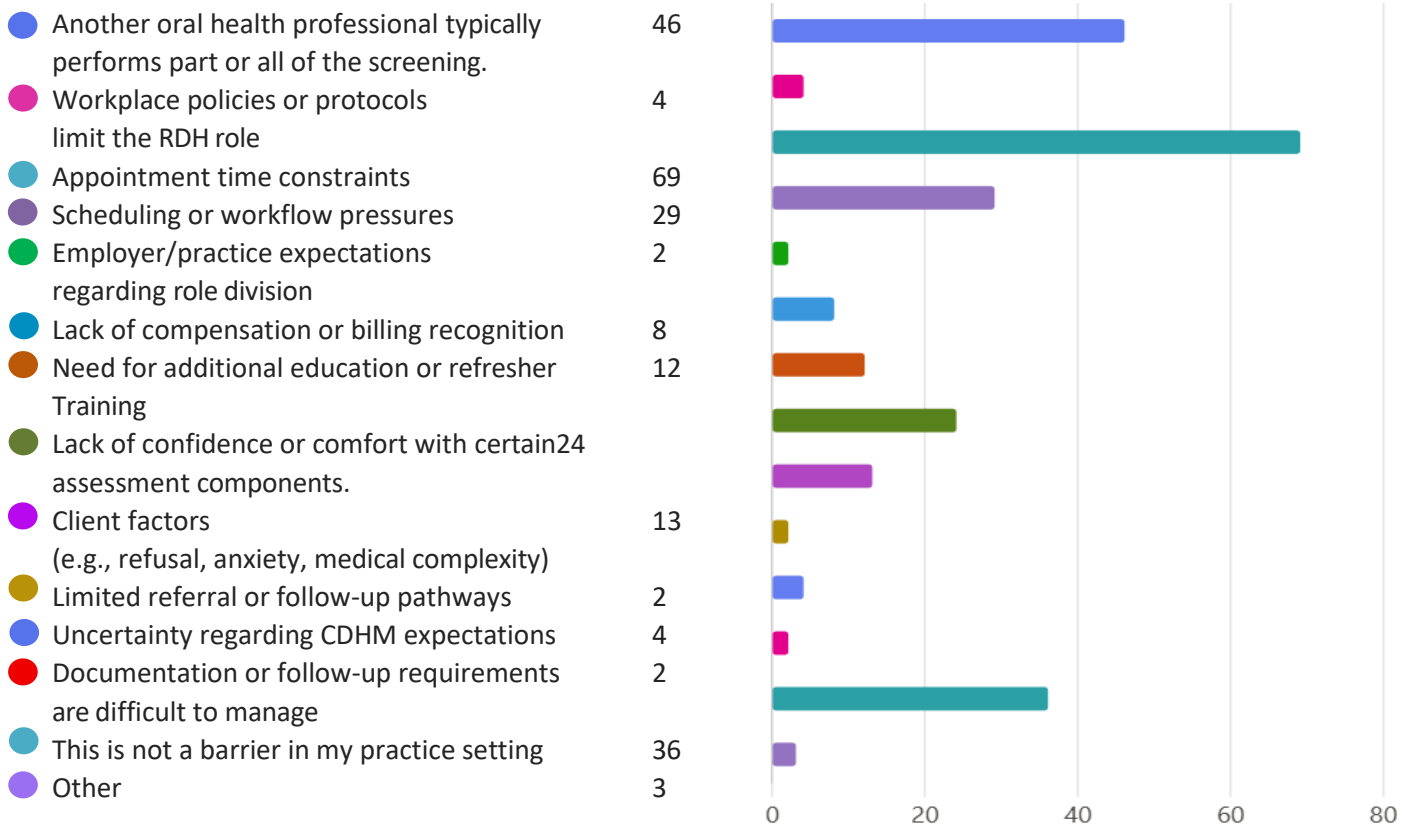


3. Which best describes your primary practice setting?

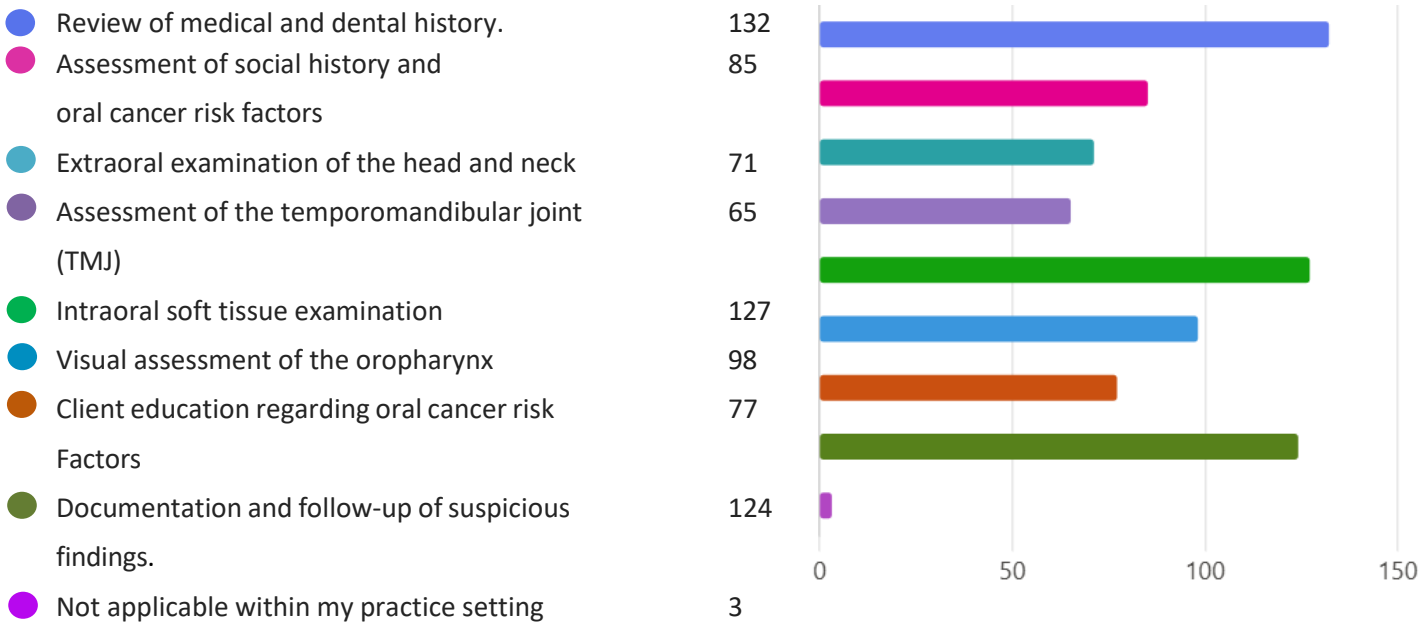
General Dental Practice	123
Periodontal Practice	5
Orthodontic Practice	0
Independent Dental Hygiene Practice	0
Public Health/Community Clinic	3
Educational Institution	2
Long-term Care/Mobile Practice	0
Specialty Practice	2
Other	2



4. If you are unable to consistently perform all components of a comprehensive oral cancer screening, what factors contribute to this within your practice setting? (Select all that apply).

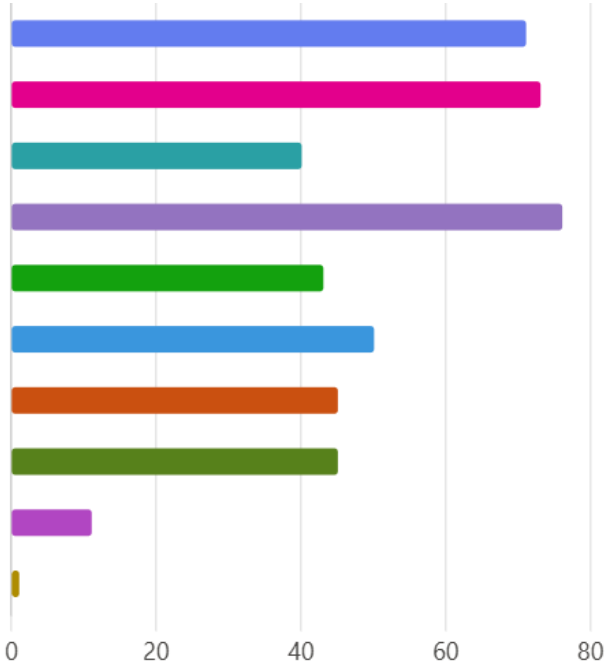


5. Which component of a comprehensive oral cancer screening do you routinely perform? (Select all that apply).



6. Which aspects of oral cancer screening do you feel would benefit from additional support or education? (Select all that apply)

Extraoral examination techniques	71
TMJ assessment	73
Intraoral soft tissue assessment	40
Recognition of abnormal or suspcious lesions	76
Documentation requirements	43
Referral and follow-up process	50
Client communication and education	45
Risk factor assessment	45
No additional support required	11
Other	1



7. What types of supports or resources from CDHM would assist you in maintaining or enhancing your oral cancer screening practices? (Select all that apply)

Continuing education opportunities1	119
Clinical refresher courses	71
Practice Guidelines or checklists	51
Documentation templates	70
Referral pathway guidance	44
Educational Webinars	91
Visual Examples of abnormal findings	96
FAQ or clarification documents regarding Expectations	32
Peer mentorship opportunities	12
Other	2

