

**Characteristics hypothesized as associated with the CHOICE variable, by race**

Characteristic*	NHW	AA
<b><u>Sociodemographic</u></b>		
<b>Age<sup>ns</sup></b>		
45 – 64	58%	59%
65 or older	42%	41%
<b>Gender<sup>ns</sup></b>		
Male	44%	43%
Female	56%	57%
<b>Education *</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	5%	28%
Some high school	6%	18%
High school graduate	89%	54%
<b><u>Financial</u></b>		
<b>Poverty status *</b>		
Below US poverty threshold	9%	36%
At/above US poverty threshold	91%	64%
<b>Household annual income *</b>		
Below \$20,000	37%	70%
At/above \$20,000	63%	30%
<b>Ability to pay unexpected \$500 bill *</b>		
Able to pay comfortably	56%	23%
Able to pay, but with difficulty	35%	50%
Not able to pay the bill	9%	27%
<b>Financial situation *</b>		
Can't make ends meet	3%	6%
Manage to get by	34%	72%
Enough to manage, plus some extra	43%	16%
I can buy about whatever I want	20%	6%
<b>Dental insurance<sup>ns</sup></b>		
Yes	35%	29%
No	65%	71%
<b>Dental insurance covers RCT *</b>		
Yes	22%	13%
No	78%	87%
<b><u>Attitudes &amp; behavior</u></b>		
<b>Attitude towards past dental care *</b>		
Frustrated concerning past treatment	83%	89%
Not frustrated by past treatment	17%	11%

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<b>Approach to dental care *</b>		
Problem-oriented attender	34%	74%
Regular attender	66%	26%
<b><u>Knowledge &amp; experience with RCT</u></b>		
<b>Do you know what a RCT is? *</b>		
Yes	80%	36%
No	20%	64%
<b>Has a dentist ever recommended a RCT?*</b>		
Yes	58%	21%
No	42%	79%
<b>Have you ever had a RCT? *</b>		
Yes	52%	16%
No	48%	84%
<b>How likely do you think it is that RCT can save a tooth from being pulled? *</b>		
Extremely likely	23%	9%
Very likely	37%	24%
Somewhat likely	14%	23%
Not at all likely	4%	8%
Don't know	21%	36%
<b><u>Clinical examination</u></b>		
<b>Periodontal attachment loss *</b>		
Less than 7 mm	73%	46%
Greater than or equal to 7 mm	27%	54%
<b>Severely loose teeth *</b>		
None	89%	68%
One or more	11%	32%
<b>Teeth with active decay *</b>		
None	59%	27%
One or more	41%	73%
<b>Root tips *</b>		
None	93%	81%
One or more	7%	19%
<b>Number of bulk restoration fractures <sup>ns</sup></b>		
None	84%	85%
One or more	16%	15%
<b>Number of cusp/incisal edge fractures *</b>		
None	89%	80%
One or more	11%	20%

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<b>Number of root defects<sup>ns</sup></b>		
None	89%	91%
One or more	11%	9%
<b>Number of remaining teeth *</b>		
1 to 17	17%	35%
18 to 32	83%	65%

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\*p < 0.05; Mantel-Haenszel  $\chi^2$  trend test used for ordinal categories, Pearson's chi-square for nominal categories.

Due to rounding column percentages do not add to 100 in all cases.