

Section 1 – Sociodemographic characteristics of the respondents

**1. Are you a...?**

- Orthodontist (with a Specialty or a recognized Degree in Orthodontics)
- General dentist or specialist in other dental disciplines (non-orthodontist)

**2. What is your age?**

- 30 or younger
- 31-40 years
- 41-50 years
- More than 50 year

**3. What is your gender?**

- Male
- Female
- Non binary
- Prefer not to answer

**4. How many years have you been in the dental profession?**

- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years

**5. What is your mainly practice type?**

- Private practice solo
- Private practice team
- Consultant activity
- University/ academic staff
- Hospital staff

Section 2: general awareness of EAs

**6. How do you rate your knowledge about the Elastodontic Appliances?**

- I am adequately informed
- I know little, but I am interested in increasing my knowledge
- I know little, and I am not interested in increasing my knowledge
- I have never heard of these devices

**7. How did you obtain your knowledge about the Elastodontic Appliances?**

- Undergraduate education
- Discussing with colleagues
- Postgraduate courses/Webinar
- Scientific articles/books
- Sales representative or advertising brochures/flyers
- I have never heard of these devices

**8. Do you currently use the Elastodontic Appliances in your practice?**

- Yes
- No

*(If you answered Yes, please go the Section 3;*

*If you answered No, please go to the Section 4)*

Section 3 – Clinical experience with EA

**9. How long have you been using Elastodontic Appliances in your practice?**

- Less than 12 months
- 1 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- More than 10 years

**10. How many treatments with Elastodontic Appliances have you started in the last year?**

- 1-10
- 11-20
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 50+

**11. At what stage of dental eruption do you usually use Elastodontic Appliances?**

- During primary dentition
- During early mixed dentition
- During late mixed dentition
- During permanent dentition

**12. What do you mainly use Elastodontic Appliances for? (Several responses are possible)**

- Correction of oral bad habits
- Correction of deep bite
- Correction of open bite
- Correction of dental or skeletal sagittal Class II
- Correction of dental or skeletal sagittal Class III
- Correction of teeth crowding
- Correction of interincisor diastema
- Correction of posterior cross bite/scissor bite

**13. Which level of dental crowding do you treat with Elastodontic Appliances? (Several responses are possible)**

- Only mild dental crowding (1-3 mm)
- Dental crowding from mild to moderate (4-6 mm)
- Dental crowding from mild to severe (7+ mm)
- I do not use Elastodontic Appliances to correct dental crowding

**14. Which measurement of OVJ do you treat with Elastodontic Appliances? (Several responses are possible)**

- OVJ<0 mm (anterior cross bite)
- OVJ=4-6 mm
- OVJ=6-8 mm
- OVJ>8 mm
- I do not use Elastodontic Appliances to correct OVJ

**15. Which measurement of OVB do you treat with EPA? (Several responses are possible)**

- OVB<0 mm (open bite)
- OVB=4-6 mm
- OVB=6-8 mm
- OVB>8mm
- I do not use Elastodontic Appliances to correct OVB

**16. Have you ever used Elastodontic Appliances together with fixed orthodontic appliances (any type)?**

- Yes.
- No

**17. What is the adverse effect of treatment with Elastodontic Appliances that patient (or parents) more frequently report?**

- None
- Headache
- Toothache
- Facial muscle pain
- TMJ pain
- Other

(Please, specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

**18. Compared to a treatment with traditional appliances (fixed or removable), each session of Elastodontic Appliance treatment takes...?**

- Longer time
- Less time
- Same time

**19. Compared to a treatment with traditional appliances (fixed or removable), the overall Elastodontic Appliance treatment takes...?**

- Longer time
- Less time
- Same time

**20. Compared to patients treated with traditional appliances (fixed or removable), the cooperation of patients with Elastodontic Appliances is... ?**

- Greater
- Less
- No difference

**21. Compared to patients treated with fixed orthodontic appliances, the oral hygiene of patients with Elastodontic Appliances is...?**

- Better
- Worse
- No difference

Section 4 – Reason for not using Elastodontic Appliances

**22. Why don't you currently use Elastodontic Appliances in your practice?**

- I don't have enough knowledge about EPA, so I prefer not to use them
- I find no application in my patients
- The costs of Elastodontic Appliances is too high for the provider
- I've used Elastodontic Appliances before, and I consider them ineffective
- I've used Elastodontic Appliances before, but patients collaboration was poor