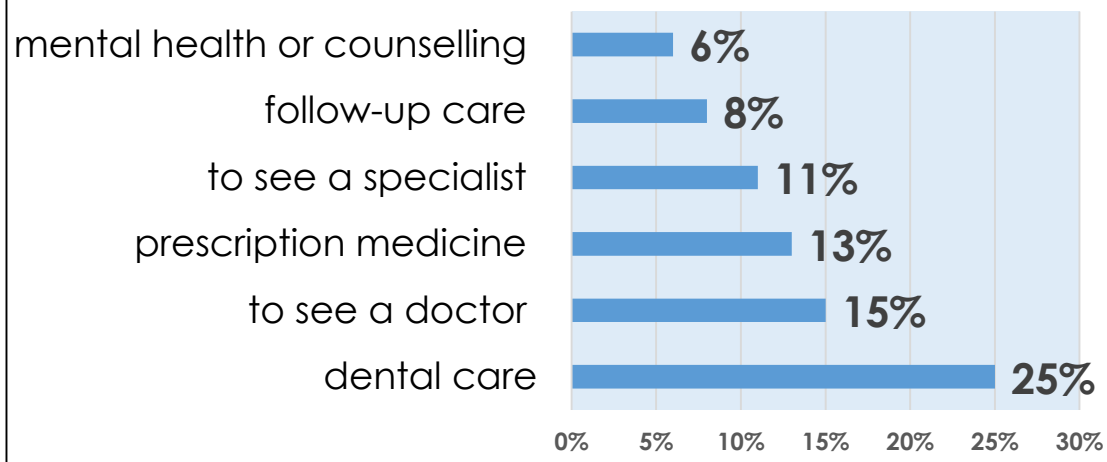


The barriers to surgical dentistry – cost and fear

% of American adults who needed but could not afford a healthcare service, 2014



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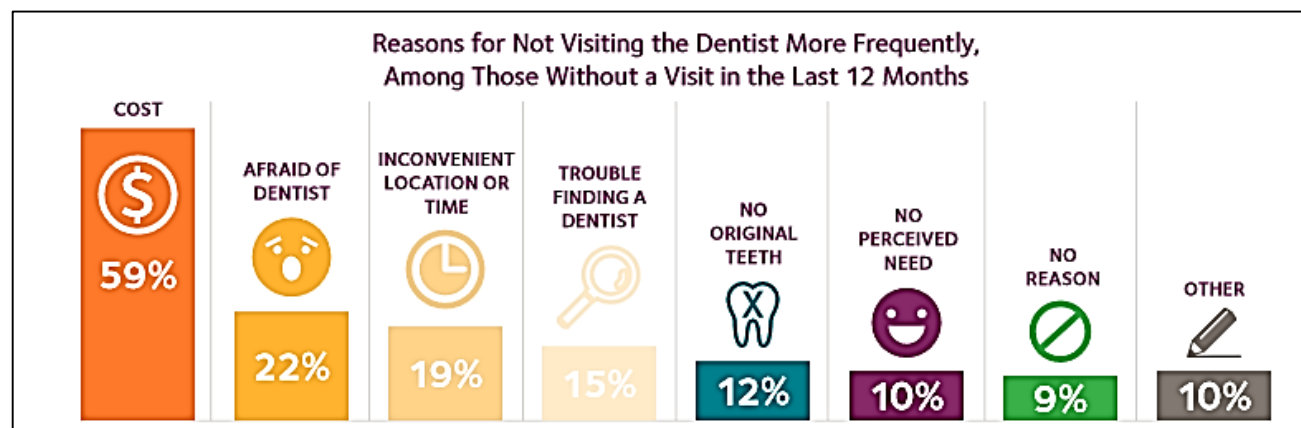
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Chart 1 – Cost

Older adults, particularly those with multiple chronic conditions or ongoing poor oral health or without insurance, have difficulty paying for surgical dentistry. In 2014 (the most recent data from the Federal Reserve Board), about 1 in 4 American adults who reported they needed to see a dentist, could not afford to do so (Chart 1).

Dentistry is the most expensive healthcare service.

Another significant barrier to dental services, is anxiety. It is the second most important reason for not visiting a dentist (Chart 2).



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Chart 2 – Fear