

Mott Poll Questions



Non-Surgical Cosmetic Procedures

The following questions were answered by parents with children age 13-17 years old.

Q1. Do you know anyone who has gotten any of the following non-surgical cosmetic procedures? *Select all that apply.*

1. Hair removal (laser removal, waxing, bleaching)
2. Laser treatment of skin (e.g., microdermabrasion, peels)
3. Injections ("fillers")
4. Teeth whitening or veneers
5. None of the above

Q2. Which of the following are valid reasons for teens younger than 18 to get a non-surgical cosmetic procedure?

	Valid	Not valid	Unsure
a. Teen is self-conscious about appearance			
b. Teen's career goals depend on appearance			
c. Teen wants to look like people on social media			
d. Teen is being bullied due to appearance			
e. Teen wants to look attractive for a special occasion			
f. Parent thinks it may improve teen's mental health			

Q3. Which of the following statements about non-surgical cosmetic procedures for teens younger than 18 is closest to your opinion?

1. Teens younger than 18 should NOT be allowed to get cosmetic procedures under any circumstances.
2. Teens should be allowed to get cosmetic procedures ONLY if there is a valid reason.
3. With parent approval, teens should be allowed to get cosmetic procedures no matter what the reason.

Q4. What do you think is the minimum age at which a child could get a non-surgical cosmetic procedure?

1. 12 or younger
2. 13 years
3. 14 years
4. 15 years
5. 16 years
6. 17 years
7. 18 years
8. Older than 18

Q5. If your [x]-year-old teen asked to get a non-surgical cosmetic procedure, how important would the following be to your decision?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
a. Child's reason for wanting the procedure			
b. Advice/approval from child's healthcare provider			
c. Health and safety ratings of provider of procedure			

Q6. What concerns would you have about your [x]-year-old teen getting a non-surgical cosmetic procedure? *Select all that apply.*

1. Infection or scarring
2. Teen will want to continue getting procedures
3. Regret in the future
4. It may be a sign of mental health/self-esteem problems
5. Teen doesn't need it
6. Don't know enough about it
7. Cost
8. No concerns

Q7. Has you [x]-year-old teen considered or asked about any non-surgical cosmetic procedures?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

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