

Mott Poll Questions



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Fever

The following questions were answered by parents with children age 0-12 years old.

Q1. How would you describe your approach to taking your [x]-year-old child's temperature?

1. As soon as I notice a possible problem
2. After watching child to see if the problem continues or gets worse
3. Only in rare situations

Q2. What method do you most often use to take your [x]-year-old child's temperature?

1. In mouth
2. Under arm
3. Rectal
4. Scan ear
5. Scan forehead
6. "Feel" if child is hot to the touch

Q3. Does this method give you a true measure of your child's temperature?

1. Yes
2. No - my method gives a lower temperature
3. No - my method gives a higher temperature

Q4. At what temperature would you give your [x]-year-old child medication to reduce fever?

[sliding scale from 98.7 to 105.0]

Q5. How often do you do the following when giving your [x]-year-old child medication to reduce fever?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
a. Record the time you gave each dose of medication.				
b. Take the child's temperature before giving another dose.				
c. Give another dose to prevent the fever from returning.				

Q6. How confident are you in your ability to:

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not confident
a. Know whether your child needs medication to reduce fever.			
b. Understand how the temperature reading can change according to the method used to take a child's temperature.			

Q7. How much do you agree with this statement?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Disagree
a. I prefer to try other methods (like a cool washcloth) before using medication when my child has a fever.			

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