America’s Best Dentists 2022

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Summary

• The **America's Best Dentists 2022 ranking** awards the leading 200 dentists in the US.
• Dentists from 20 states with the highest number of inhabitants were included in the survey.
• During the survey period from February to May 2022, over 10,000 medical experts (general dentists, specialist dentists and dental hygienists) were invited to an online survey.
• Over 4,000 national votes were collected and analysed.
• A score was calculated for each dentist based on the number of recommendations, the quality score, and – if available – their membership status of American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD).
• In-State recommendations were weighted higher than Out-of-State recommendations.
• Dentists which met the predefined thresholds for the recommendation score were eligible for the list.
• Most awarded dentists work primarily in an outpatient practice where patients can schedule direct appointments with the respective dentists.
A score was calculated for each dentist

Scoring model

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<td>Recommendation Score</td>
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Weight

- In-State recommendations: 45%
- Out-of-State recommendations: 25%
- Quality Dimension: 25%
- AACD Membership: 5%

SCORE FOR EACH DENTIST
A recommendation score was calculated
In-State and Out-of-State recommendations

**IN-STATE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 20 states with the highest number of inhabitants were included in the analysis
- Participants were asked to name at least 10 and up to 25 general dentists
- The order in which recommendations were provided was relevant to the ranking (#1 has the highest weight)
- Self-recommendations were not allowed and lead to disqualification from the survey
- In-State recommendations constitute 45% of the overall score

**OUT OF STATE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Out-of-State recommendations

- Participants were asked to name up to 15 dentists
- Recommendations for all 20 states
- Out-of-State recommendations constitute 25% of the overall score

**RECOMMENDATIONS CONSTITUTE 70% OF THE OVERALL SCORE**

**DENTISTS WITH A RECOMMENDATION SCORE OF 65% WERE ELIGIBLE FOR THE LIST**
A quality score was calculated for each In-State recommendation

Five quality dimensions

**WEIGHTS OF DIMENSIONS**

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<td>17,5%</td>
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<td>Aesthetic Procedures</td>
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<td>15%</td>
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**CALCULATION OF QUALITY SCORE**

- Within the In-State recommendations participants were asked to rank the quality dimensions based on the reported importance a quality score was assigned
- For each recommended dentist, the participant rated the five quality variables on a scale from 1 (“Poor”) to 100 (“Excellent”)
- A quality score was assigned to each dentist

**QUALITY SCORE CONTRIBUTES 25% TOWARDS OVERALL SCORE**
As a result, the 200 general dentists who met the predefined thresholds were featured on the list

Final Dentist List

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<td>Adrienne Amirata, DMD</td>
<td>Florham Park</td>
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<td>Alan B. Taylor, DDS</td>
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