

## State of the Art Statement

**Question:** Does dentists' fear have an adverse effect on clinical decision-making?

**Answer:** The critical appraisal of the evidence found no studies that identified the nature and extent of dentists' fears. Nor did the appraisal find any studies that assessed how dentists' own fears impact upon clinical decision-making.

It would appear that this subject is novel territory for primary research.

**Further info:** You can access the full evidence summary relating to this question via our website [www.dentistryresearch.org](http://www.dentistryresearch.org)