

## Patient home assessment link

The DEPPA assessment has two elements: a patient assessment and a clinical one. Previously the patient assessment could only be completed from reception or in the surgery. Our new update enables you to email patients with the patient questionnaire so that they can complete it from home. This has two benefits

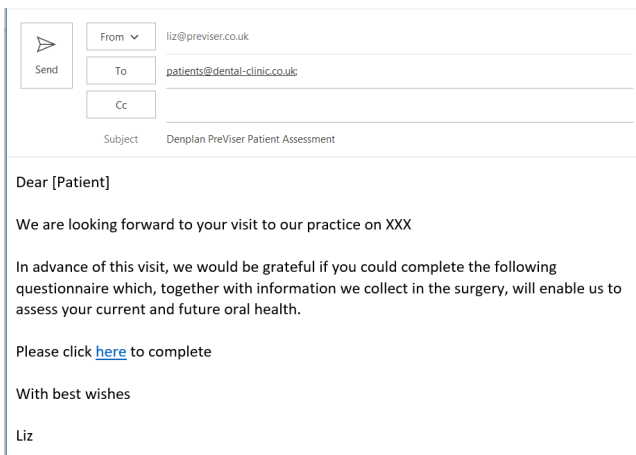
- It helps you minimise the time your patients spend in the waiting room
- It gets your patients thinking about the impact of their lifestyle on the risk to their oral and general health.

Once completed, your patient's answers will be available for you to access on your Unfinished Assessment page.

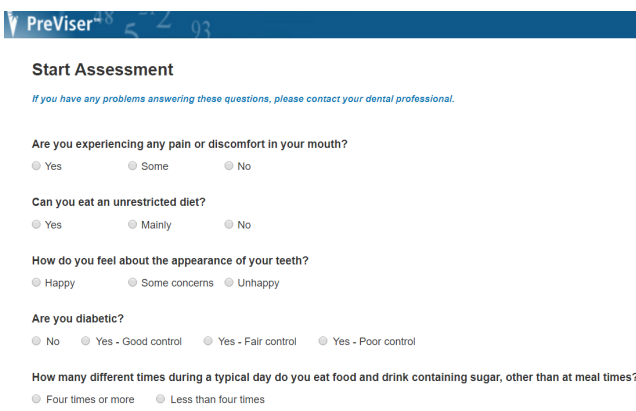
The process is as follows:

<p>Log into DEPPA using the account of the dentist who will see the patient</p>	
<p>For an existing patient, access the patient record from your Adult patient list, or create a new patient record</p>	
<p>Click on the button, Copy Patient Home Assessment Link</p>	

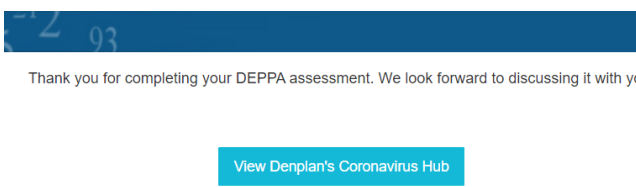
Create an email from your usual email platform and paste the link. We suggest you create a standard email into which the link can be inserted



The patient clicks on this link and completes the anonymised assessment

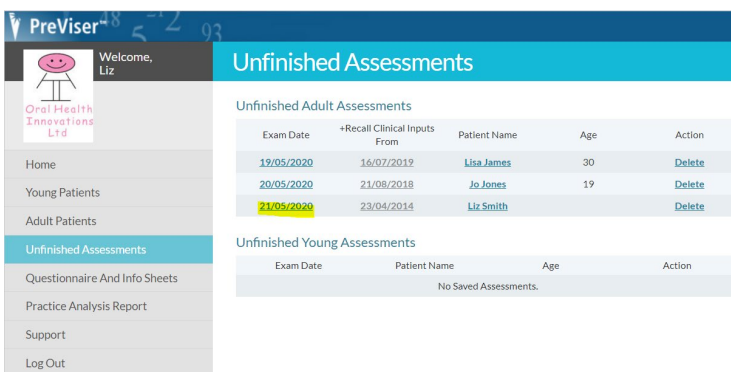


When you triage your patient on the day before their visit, check that they have completed the questionnaire



Once submitted, you will find their assessment waiting for you on the Unfinished Assessment page.

Clicking on the exam date will allow you review their answers and complete the clinical assessment



Remember that to minimise contact, instead of giving the DEPPA report to the patient, you also have the option of emailing it to them as a PDF. If you are following up with patients after their visit, you could then use this opportunity to discuss it with them.