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There's still time to participate in the April [Quick Poll](#) on Periodontal Scaling/Root Planing.

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Join the Member Forum Discussion on Special Care Dentistry May 3-6

February's quick poll on special care dentistry found that more than half of Network practitioners (55 percent) saw value in gaining information for the management of patients with special needs.

This week, authors of the Quick Poll results will be moderating a multi-day discussion on the [Member Forum](#). Join the conversation May 3-6 to talk more about your experience with special needs patients.

First time joining a conversation on the Forum? Take a look at our [step by step instructions](#).

Quick Poll Results

Quick Poll Results: Special Care Dentistry

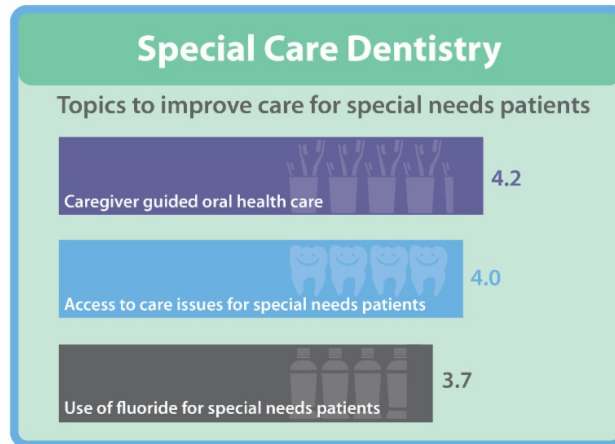
Our network recently engaged attendees at the Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA) 2015 annual meeting in Denver. The SCDA focuses on oral care services for people with physical, medical, development or cognitive conditions that limit

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their ability to receive routine dental care, and through our February 2016 Quick Poll, we wanted to know our Network's perspectives of a sampling of the issues SCDA attendees viewed important to their practice. [Read more...](#)



News Items

New LinkedIn Company Page: Add the Network to Your LinkedIn Profile!

The Network has a new [LinkedIn Company page](#) which we will use to connect with members and share news. Visit the page and choose "Follow" to receive updates. [Read more...](#)

Member of the Month

May Network Member Highlight: Sancerie O'Rourke-Allen

This month, we would like to highlight Dr. Sancerie O'Rourke-Allen, Network member and general dentist from Baton Rouge,

LA.

Dr. O'Rourke-Allen has served in numerous positions serving organized dentistry. Currently, she serves as President of the Pelican State Dental Association and sits on the Louisiana Academy of General Dentistry board. Last year, she was the only dentist from Louisiana to receive a Mastership from the



Article of Interest

Dentists' Use of Rubber Dam is Tied to How Convenient, Effective They View Them

Rubber dams during root canals are used to protect patients from swallowing chemicals, having their saliva contaminate the root canal, or aspirating a small instrument (which is very rare). But only 47 percent of Network general dentists surveyed always use rubber dams when performing a root canal. Another 16 percent use them most of the time, the survey showed. [Read more...](#)