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Quick Poll - Peri-implantitis

There's still time to participate in the May [Quick Poll](#) on Peri-implantitis.

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Join the Member Forum Discussion on Geriatric Dentistry June 7-10!

This month's Quick Poll results found that 61 percent of respondents have seen an increase in the prevalence of age-related oral diseases, such as dry mouth, root caries, and recession. [Read more...](#)

Quick Poll Results

Quick Poll Results-Our Aging Patients

Dentists are seeing more patients who are over age 65 and with those patients come special health needs. Many-but not all-National Dental PBRN dentists feel equipped to handle the challenge, our May 2016 Quick Poll found.

In the poll, 44 percent of respondents said that 26-50 percent of their patients are over 65. Another 19 percent said most (51-75 percent) patients are over 65. [Read more...](#)

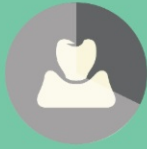
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Older Patients on the Increase

68%



Dentists have more than one-fourth of patients older than 65 years old

70%



Dentists have more older patients keeping some or all their teeth

61%



Dentists see an increase in age-related dental problems

News Item

Videos Available From the 2016 AADR Network Symposium "Establishing a Learning Health System Within the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network"

The American Association for Dental Research Network Symposium was held on March 18 in Los Angeles. This luncheon symposium was a hybrid format of a traditional symposium with interactive "lunch and learn" table discussions. The symposium examined the goals and organizational structure of the National Dental PBRN as an emerging Learning Health System (LHS) and its role in NIDCR's plans for integrating data and clinical practice. [Read more...](#)



Member of the Month

June Network Member of the Month: Ike

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I have been very pleased to participate in the worthy endeavor that is the National Dental PBRN. With all the time pressures we face, it seems like adding a voluntary effort to participate in research would be foolhardy. However, the opportunity to give back to our profession in the form of research is professionally and personally gratifying. The kind of information these studies provide is invaluable. Patients are, without fail, impressed that they are being treated by a doctor who is involved in research. The time each study participant must commit to is minimal, and little time is needed for the staff and doctor to complete the well-organized and clear paperwork. Support by the staff at National Dental PBRN is second to none.. [Read more...](#)



Staff Highlight

Network Staff Highlight-Ms. Kimberly Johnson

This month we would like to highlight Kimberly Johnson, RDH, MDH, Regional Coordinator for the Midwest Region. Kimberly is what Broadway aficionados would call a "triple threat," excelling in not just one area of her trade but three: teaching, research, and practice. [Read more...](#)



Article of Interest

Can you trust the results from your diagnostic tests assessing pulp vitality?

Response to cold and pain on percussion are common ways to see if the pulp of a tooth and surrounding supporting tissues are affected by disease. However, the validity of these approaches for identifying the vitality of pulp hasn't been demonstrated in regular dental practice, the environment where the vast majority of dental care is provided. A study in the Journal of Endodontics finds that the results from cold testing teeth is as good as previous studies conducted using standardized methodology and a limited number of trained examiners. [Read more...](#)