

2014 Meeting of the Midwest Region

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2014 Midwest Regional Conference a success

Friday, March 7th, members of the Midwest Region gathered at the Westin Galleria Edina for a social networking reception preceding Saturday's 2014 Midwest Regional Conference of the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN).

More than 150 individuals, including dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, dental assistants, researchers, educators, administrators, and dental lab technicians made the conference an overwhelming success. Thank you to everyone who attended. This summary will be shared with all enrolled members to ensure that the value of the meeting has impact beyond the day's proceedings.

Selected content from this year's meeting will soon become available via the Network website. Look forward to an email announcement from Emily Durand, Midwest Regional Coordinator. If you enjoyed the keynote presentations, we encourage you to share them with your colleagues who may enroll in the Network and obtain free CE after viewing a video and completing a short quiz.

"It is so rewarding to learn and interact with such credible professionals."



"Well done. The day was definitely worth my time. Thank you!"

Invite a friend to join the Network!

Do you have a friend or colleague who would enjoy practice-based research? Please help direct them to the enrollment questionnaire online. As members know, enrolling is the best way to be aware of opportunities within the Network. All levels of enrollment are free and none commit you to study participation.

FULL: Receive information about study opportunities, surveys as well as those designed to be conducted in practice, and periodic Network updates.

LIMITED: Receive information about survey studies only as well as periodic Network updates.

INFORMATIONAL: You'll receive Network newsletters and e-updates, but not invitations to participate in studies.

Enroll today: NationalDentalPBRN.org/enrollment.php



Engaging keynotes



Paul Benjamin, DDS



Pat Foy, DDS

Practitioners Paul Benjamin, DDS of Miami, Florida and Pat Foy, DDS of Minneapolis, Minnesota have played highly instrumental roles in the development of practice-based research in dentistry, both having served as charter members of the Dental Practice-Based Research Network's Executive Committee. They shared their reasons and methods for participating in the Network and described how involvement has shaped them personally and how the Network continues to shape the profession.

Hear more from practitioners at:
youtube.com/user/DentalPBRN



Grisell Ortiz-Ramsey DMD, PhD and Brad Rindal DDS discussed the emerging science on human papilloma virus (HPV) and oropharyngeal cancer risk. New research is impacting the shifting perspective on what have been considered classic risk factors for cancers of the head and neck. Maura Gillison, MD, PhD will lead a pilot study in the Network on this topic that will involve approximately 40 practices across the US.



Eric Schiffman DDS, MS presented results from a prior PBRN study on Management of Painful Temporomandibular Muscle and Joint Disorder (TMJD). Dr. Schiffman will lead an observational study that furthers this work and is expected to involve approximately 150 general dentists, 50 TMJD experts and 2,400 patients across the US.



Breakout sessions highlight studies in development

Breakout sessions and working groups focused on the discussion of upcoming Network studies, as ongoing feedback from clinicians critically informs study development.

- Suspicious occlusal caries lesions and incomplete caries removal—facilitated by Jim Bader, DDS, MPH
- Management of dentin hypersensitivity—facilitated by Dorota Kopycka-Kedzierawski, DDS, MPH
- Factors associated with successful crowns— facilitated by David Louis, DDS
- Endodontic study discussion group—facilitated by Don Nixdorf, DDS, MS and Alan Law, DDS, PhD
- Orthodontic study discussion group—facilitated by Greg Huang, DMD, MSD, MPH
- TMJD study discussion group—facilitated by Eric Schiffman, DDS, MS



“I look forward to continued participation in the Network!”

Studies in the pipeline

The Nation's Network is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) through the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). NIDCR Program Official Don DeNucci, DDS, MS shared the Institute update and highlighted studies planned for launch in the near future:



- Isolation methods used during root canal therapy (launched January 2014)
- Cracked teeth registry (launched April 2014)
- Management of dentinal hypersensitivity
- Suspicious occlusal caries lesions
- Human papilloma virus and oral cancer
- Patient satisfaction with dental treatment
- TMJD treatment methods

If you enrolled as “Informational,” but wish to be invited to participate in these and future studies, contact Midwest Regional Coordinator, Emily Durand at 952-967-7404 or Emily.C.Durand@healthpartners.com to update your status.

Recognition & Appreciation: Midwest PAC

Formed after the 2013 Conference, the Midwest Practitioner Advisory Committee (PAC) is composed of practitioners and assisted by Network staff. The goal of the PAC is to glean important feedback and guidance from the representative ten states of the Midwest region: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Thank you to the following members for your time, expertise, and engagement.

- Dr. Susan Bernstein, General Dentist, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Dr. Patrick Foy, General Dentist, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Dr. Timothy Langguth, General Dentist, Duluth, Minnesota
- Dr. Nagamani Narayana, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Dr. Griselle Ortiz-Ramsey, Periodontist, Vandalia, Ohio
- Dr. Peggy Richardson, General Dentist, Tinley Park, Illinois



We look forward to working with you!

Midwest regional staff are your connection to the broader National Network. We always enjoy hearing from you. Please contact us with feedback or questions at any time.

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