



Dear Dentist,

We are recruiting dentists to participate in an observational study to identify predictor for severe pain following root canal treatment (RCT) and persistent pain after 6 and 12 months. This research will help inform the decision-making process that dentists utilize when personalizing care for their patients. Approximately 150 practitioners and 1,650 patients from across the U.S. will participate.

**We want this study to be easy!**

This study has been designed as a new model for National Dental PBRN studies. It has built-in flexibility and utilizes study-paid tablets to make it easy for you to incorporate patient recruitment and data collection into your practice with minimal impact to clinic operations!

Please e-mail **Sarah** ([Sarah.M.Basile@HealthPartners.Com](mailto:Sarah.M.Basile@HealthPartners.Com)) to confirm your interest.

**When will the study start?**

- Early February 2017

**What are the objectives of the research?**

- Identify factors that contribute to severe post-operative pain during the 7 days following RCT
- Assess the proportion of patients reporting persistent pain at 6 months and 12 months following RCT completion
- Assess the impact of persistent pain on patient functional status and health-related quality of life

**What do you need to do to participate in the study? Practitioner Requirements and Compensation:**

- **First, practitioners will need to [enroll](#) in the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network.** This involves completing

[Network Orientation](#) (20 min, 0.5 CE), [Human Subjects Protection](#) and Financial Conflict of Interest Training (CE available)

- **Next, practitioners, need to have specific training for the study:**  
60 minutes or less (CE available)

**How many patients will practitioners need to enroll in the study?** We would like to have general dentists enroll at least 7 patients and endodontists enroll 18 patients over 6 months.

**Do practitioners receive compensation for participating in the research?** Practitioners will receive a Tablet (valued at \$200) and up to **\$85** per patient that completes the baseline data collection (up 15 minutes of your time), \$50 for each patient that has follow-up questionnaires and \$35 for submitting radiographs.

**What do patients need to do?**

- Undergo RCT on a single tooth
- Complete online questionnaires at enrollment, 1 week, 6 months, and 12 months post-treatment, and return for follow-up visit at 12 month

**How are patients compensated?**

- Each patients is eligible to receive up to **\$165** for completing all questionnaires and the 12 month in-office visit

**Are there any other benefits of participation?**

- A significant benefit to participation is the opportunity to contribute to research aimed at predicting outcomes of root canal treatment! In addition, practitioners will earn CE credit and participate in practice-based research. Many practitioners have also commented that they have enjoyed giving back to the dental profession while supporting patient care.

**To join this study, or for additional information, please contact:**

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