

# Inaugural Meeting of the Midwest Region

March 8-9, 2013  
Westin Galleria Edina  
Edina, Minnesota

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# Inaugural Midwest meeting a success

Friday, March 8th, members of the Midwest Region gathered at the Westin Galleria Edina for an opening reception preceding Saturday's full schedule of events. Thank you to those who carved out this additional time. It was important and rewarding to see the value of members networking and enjoying the collegial atmosphere of the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN).

Early Saturday morning, attendees checked in for the day-long meeting and CE sessions. Breakfast allowed a time to get to know one another and the Midwest Regional staff. Participants from the former DPBRN and PEARL networks were well represented. Additionally, many members new to practice-based research have joined the Midwest Region.

In total, 146 individuals, including dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, dental assistants, researchers, educators, administrators, and medical colleagues from oncology and ENT made the day an overwhelming success by contributing the rich and varied perspectives unique to practice-based research. 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.

"Exceptional conference. So captivating, motivating and informative!"



"This was great! When can I register for the next conference?"

## You're invited: Save the date for 2014

When: Friday, March 7 to Saturday, March 8, 2014

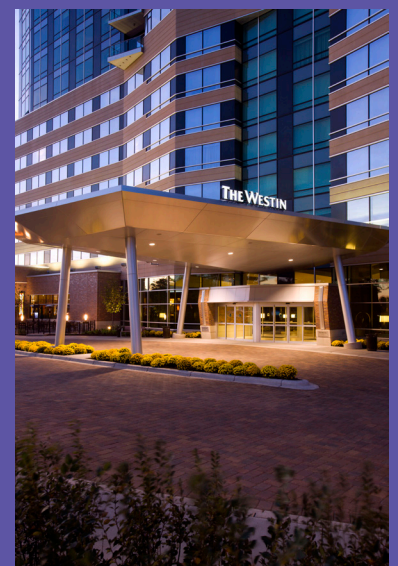
Where: Westin Galleria Edina, Edina, Minnesota

More information to follow. Stay tuned to email from the Network and regional staff.

## Invite a friend to join the Network!

Know a friend or colleague who would enjoy practice-based research? Refer them to the enrollment questionnaire online or to Midwest Regional Coordinator Sarah Basile at 952-967-5277 or Sarah.M.Basile@HealthPartners.com to ensure they receive information about upcoming meetings, studies and news.

**Enroll today: [NationalDentalPBRN.org/enrollment.php](http://NationalDentalPBRN.org/enrollment.php)**



# Engaging keynotes share current research results

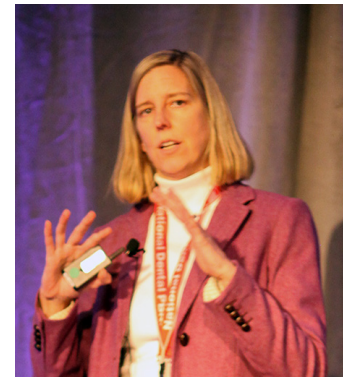


Researcher Don Nixdorf, DDS, MS and practicing clinician Alan Law, DDS, PhD shared the results of a study from the former Dental Practice-Based Research Network (DPBRN) regarding patients' reports of pain before, during, and after initial root canal therapy.

Enrolled members will be able to view an online recording of the complete presentation for free CE credit. Stay tuned for an email from Emily Durand announcing that opportunity.

Maura Gillison, MD, PhD discussed the emerging science on human papilloma virus (HPV) and oropharyngeal cancer risk. She highlighted how new knowledge impacts your patients and the shifting perspective on what have been considered classic risk factors for cancers of the head and neck.

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## Breakout session highlights

Breakout sessions focused on previous practice-based research network results, proposed study concepts for the Nation's Network, special topics of interest that may inform future study questions, and practical details regarding participation in the Network. Sessions included:

- Cracked teeth (results and new study concept)
- Oropharyngeal cancer and HPV (new study concept)
- Blood glucose testing and dental practice (results)
- Osteonecrosis of the jaw (results)
- Innovative and time efficient nutritional counseling for pediatric patients (new study concept)
- Perioperative pain and endodontic treatment (results and new study concept)
- Patient satisfaction (results and new study concept)
- Questionable occlusal caries and diagnostic aides (new study concept and proposed study concept)
- Current oral hygiene habits: What are your patients really doing? (special clinical interest with potential for future study concept)
- Orthodontic small group discussion (special clinical interest with potential for future study concept)



“Engaging and entertaining meeting. It is exciting to be a part of research in practice.”





See what members are saying!  
[youtube.com/user/DentalPBRN](https://www.youtube.com/user/DentalPBRN)

“Please send my compliments to your whole team for hosting a wonderful meeting. I am looking forward to future involvement and participation in the Network!”

## Studies in the pipeline

Network Director Gregg Gilbert DDS, MBA, FAAHD, FICD shared studies in development that are planned for launch in the Network:

- Cracked teeth registry
- Isolation methods used during root canal therapy
- Suspicious occlusal caries
- Human papilloma virus and oral cancer
- Patient satisfaction with dental treatment
- Smoking cessation study
- TMJD treatment methods
- Social network and communication patterns analysis
- Dentinal hypersensitivity

Stay tuned to Network communications inviting enrolled members to participate or contact Midwest Regional Coordinator, Emily Durand at 952-967-7404 or [Emily.C.Durand@healthpartners.com](mailto:Emily.C.Durand@healthpartners.com)



## How to get involved

Study participation and meeting attendance are popular ways to benefit from Network involvement. Others may wish to contribute additional skill sets and expertise. Recently developed is a Practitioner Advisory Committee (PAC) 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.

If you wish to be involved or know someone who would be an excellent contributor, please contact Midwest Regional Coordinator, Sarah Basile at 952-967-5277 or [Sarah.M.Basile@healthpartners.com](mailto:Sarah.M.Basile@healthpartners.com) to learn more.

## 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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