

Table of Characteristics (in Percent or Mean) of Practitioner-Investigator Attendees at the May 2008 DPBRN Network-wide meeting in Atlanta, Georgia*

| | All attendees n=126 | Attendees from the U.S. regions n=104 | Attendees from the SK region n=22 |
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| Practitioner Type | | | |
| General Practitioner | 93% | 94% | 86% |
| Specialist | 7% | 6% | 14% |
| Gender | | | |
| Male | 74% | 82% | 41% |
| Female | 26% | 18% | 59% |
| Race | | | |
| White | 90% | 89% | 95% |
| All Other | 10% | 11% | 5% |
| Ethnicity | | | |
| Hispanic | 4% | 5% | 0% |
| Non-Hispanic | 96% | 95% | 100% |
| Graduation Year^{† ‡} | | | |
| Before 1974 | 10% | 10% | 9% |
| 1974-1983 | 37% | 38% | 37% |
| 1984-1993 | 29% | 32% | 18% |
| After 1994 | 24% | 21% | 36% |
| Number of Offices | | | |
| One | 89% | 89% | 89% |
| Two | 10% | 10% | 11% |
| Three or more | 1% | 1% | 0% |
| Insurance coverage by patients in practice | | | |
| Private insurance | 59% | 66% | 9% |
| Public Insurance | 21% | 11% | 79% |
| Not covered by any program | 20% | 23% | 12% |
| # Operatories (SD) | 4.3 (3.0) | 4.5 (3.1) | 3.0 (2.1) |
| # patients/week (SD) | 46.9 (21.9) | 46.4 (22.8) | 49.5 (17.1) |
| # days waiting for new patient exam (SD) | 17.3 (19.3) | 17.2 (20.3) | 17.8 (11.8) |
| # minutes waiting in front area (SD) | 8.5 (5.5) | 9.1 (5.6) | 5.6 (3.7) |

* Because the Atlanta meeting focused on diagnosis and treatment of dental caries, only practitioner-investigators who do some at least some restorative dentistry were invited. This meant that the meeting was mainly limited to general dentists, pediatric dentists, and public health dentists. Additionally, because we wanted each of the groups of 8-10 practitioner-investigators in "breakout sessions" to have representation from all of DPBRN's five regions, the percentage of attendees from the SK region was disproportional to their percentage of DPBRN practitioner-investigators overall. Compared to the results in our report about DPBRN practitioner-investigators overall,¹ these analyses confirm what we would expect based on the statements above: a higher percentage of general dentists and SK dentists attended the meeting than their percentage of overall DPBRN practitioner-investigators; attendees were more likely to be female (because about half of SK dentists are female); and attendees were more likely to have patients with public insurance (because of the SK dentists).

¹ Makhija SK, Gilbert GH, DB Rindal, PL Benjamin, JS Richman, DJ Pihlstrom, V Qvist, for the DPBRN Collaborative Group. Dentists in practice-based research networks have much in common with dentists at large: evidence from The Dental PBRN. *Gen Dent* 2009; 57(3): 270-275.

[add table of characteristics of the 126 attendees here]