

## SPECIAL PRINT EDITION

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## Announcing the New Membership Directory!

The National Dental Practice-Based Research Network is excited to share the searchable Member Directory with you. With more than 5,500 fellow Network members, the directory is your quick and easy way to:

- **Find a member from your region** whom you met at a meeting
- **Connect with fellow members** with the same research interests
- **Review and update** your information.

You can find the Member Directory on the Network website ([www.nationaldentalpbrn.org](http://www.nationaldentalpbrn.org))—click on the “Members” link on the navigation bar. The directory includes all Network members and is accessible only to members, via a password. You can choose what information to share with other members. Your member profile will display your favorite picture, if you choose, and:

- Name and title
- Practice website and address
- Region membership level, specialty
- Research interests
- Network studies you’ve participated in.

The directory is searchable to help members find each other. Search by first or last name, region, city, state, or studies participated in. Search results include a “Send a message” link, so you can easily contact the person you’re looking for.

If you’re not a Network member and don’t have a password, click on the “Members” link and then the “Enroll in the Network” link to inquire about becoming a Network member.

“We see the directory as a valuable tool for encouraging engagement and communication among all members,” said Sonia Makhija, the Network’s National Director of Communications and Dissemination. “We encourage everyone to take advantage of this easy way to reach members in your region or across the country.”

## Research Updates

**Share study results with your patients.** The Network debuts a series called *Research UPDATES* in January 2017. These one-page printable briefs allow you to share Network study results with patients at your practice, and educate them about dental procedures. The briefs also let you share interesting results with colleagues at conferences or meetings. Sharing this series with patients promotes your participation in research-based practices and the National Dental PBRN.

Upcoming titles:

- How Best to Treat a Filling Gone Bad
- Screening for Diabetes at the Dentist's Office?
- When It Looks Like a Cavity, But Doesn't Need a Filling
- Probing the Conundrum of Cracked Teeth
- Root Canal to the Rescue
- Bone Protecting Drugs and Rare Jaw Disease



Download them on the Network website ([www.nationaldentalpbrn.org](http://www.nationaldentalpbrn.org))—click on the “Resources” link on the navigation bar.

## Save the Date for Two Unique National Dental PBRN Events in California

The National Dental PBRN will host two opportunities to discuss and engage with fellow members and practitioners during the Annual American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Meeting at the Moscone West Convention Center in San Francisco. Network members who are not AADR members will have the exclusive opportunity to attend a full day of the AADR Meeting (Friday, March 24). Eleven abstracts were submitted to the conference to discuss Network studies, such as:

- Cracked Tooth Registry
- Management of Dentin Hypersensitivity
- QADDS (QuitAdvisor DDS)
- Decision Aids for the Management of Suspicious Occlusal Caries Lesions
- Factors for Successful Crowns

### Combined Southwest & Western Region Practitioner Meeting—Saturday, March 25

The 2017 annual practitioner meeting will be jointly hosted by the Southwest and Western Regions of the National Dental PBRN. Get to know colleagues from throughout the western United States while discussing study results and implications for improving patient care in your practice.

### National Dental PBRN Luncheon Meeting @ the AADR Meeting—Friday, March 24

Join us for a practice-based interactive research meeting at the American Association for Dental Research meeting where practitioners, researchers, students, and policy makers come together to discuss innovations in dental research. This year's topic—Engaging Patient Perspectives in National Dental PBRN Research—is a first in Network history. Our discussion will build upon the concept of the National Dental PBRN as a Learning Health System and how patient perspectives can be incorporated into practice-based research. Attendees will also be given a first look at the Network's patient data briefs—tools for communicating our study results to patients.

Hotel accommodations and space for these events at the Moscone Convention Center are limited, so register today! Limited travel support will be available for Southwest and Western Regions practitioners. For more information, please contact Stevie Hodge, Western Region, [Stephanie.m.hodge@kpchr.org](mailto:Stephanie.m.hodge@kpchr.org), or Stephanie Reyes, Southwest Region, [ReyesS@uthscsa.edu](mailto:ReyesS@uthscsa.edu).

**Non-AADR Members:** To register, visit: [www.tinyurl.com/ndpbrninsf](http://www.tinyurl.com/ndpbrninsf)

**AADR Members\*:** To register, visit: [www.iadr.com](http://www.iadr.com)

**Hotel Accommodations:** <https://attendeemx.expobook.com/home/index/342>

\*AADR members must register through the AADR and are subject to AADR registration rates.

## Save the Date for Network Regional Meetings

The National Dental PBRN is excited to host four regional annual meetings in 2017. Meetings offer a vital part of membership collaboration. Take advantage of the opportunity to interact with your colleagues from across the region(s). Between five and seven continuing education units (CEUs) will be provided.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings near you:

### South Atlantic Regional Meeting

January 27–28  
Atlanta, GA

*Sam Low, keynote speaker, will present preliminary results of several Network studies.*

### South Central Regional Meeting

March 10–11  
Hoover, AL

*Tom Hilton, keynote speaker, will present results from the Cracked Tooth Syndrome Study.*

### Western and Southwest Regions Meeting

March 25  
San Francisco, CA

*Julie Franstve-Hawley, keynote speaker, will present on "Study Impact to Practitioners: Creating a Model for Dissemination."*

### Midwest and Northeast Regions Meeting

March 30–31  
Chicago, IL

*Jack Ferracane, keynote speaker, will present results from the Cracked Tooth Syndrome Study.*

If you can't make your region's meeting, please register at any other meeting that fits your schedule. For more information, please contact your regional coordinator.

## Quick Poll Results: Few Members Familiar With Silver Diamine Fluoride

If your practice isn't using silver diamine fluoride (SDF), recently approved by the FDA for dental hypersensitivity in adults, you aren't alone. About half of the 397 October Quick Poll respondents were either unfamiliar or only slightly familiar with it. Less than one-fifth (17 percent) of respondents use the product, which may also help prevent cavities.

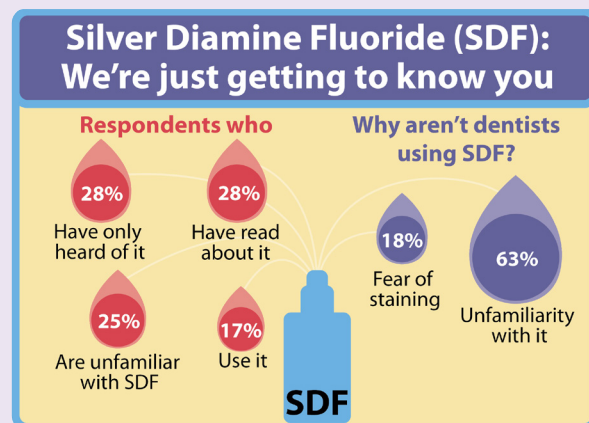
About 19 percent said they don't use SDF because of research showing that it can stain teeth; other concerns were:

- Lack of evidence about the product
- Lack of insurance reimbursement
- Difficulty finding the product
- Not suitable for their patients.

Of the respondents who use it, 45 percent used it on children ages 12 and under and 47 percent used it on disabled elderly or other patients with physical or behavioral issues who may be difficult to treat.

Respondents had a variety of comments about whether SDF works well; some said it did and others felt it was too soon to tell.

To continue the conversation, log in to the Member Forum on the Network website ([www.nationaldentalpbrn.org](http://www.nationaldentalpbrn.org)). Then click on "Quick Poll Results."



# Network Members Stay Connected Online

The Network continues to grow its member engagement by disseminating information on its website and social media channels and in its Member Forum and e-Newsletter.

## Digital and Social Media Highlights:

### Network website



**Launched new website** in March 2016



### Member Forum



**>900** members since 2015



Hottest discussion topic=  
"Participating in a Clinical Study"

### Growing our online presence

From June 2015 through August 2016:



The Website received over  
**3,000** new visitors and **3,200** page views



**46%** increase in followers



**79%** increase in followers



**>6,300** total video views



### Most-read e-Newsletter articles



"Currently Recruiting for Five Network Studies" *December 2015*



"Intensity of Pain Before a Root Canal Predicts Severity of Post-op Pain" *January 2016*



### LinkedIn Company Profile

The Network Group Page was discontinued in March 2016. Visit our Company Page at [www.linkedin.com/company/national-dental-practice-based-research-network](http://www.linkedin.com/company/national-dental-practice-based-research-network).

If you haven't visited the website yet, check out the redesigned pages and join a conversation!  
[www.nationaldentalpbrn.org](http://www.nationaldentalpbrn.org)



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