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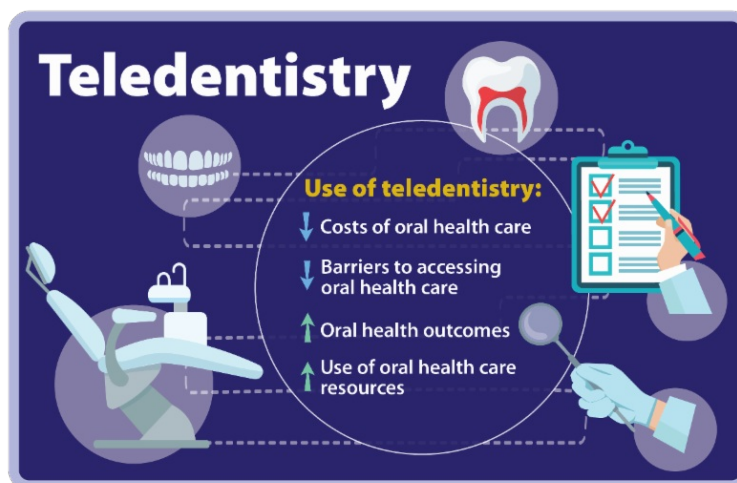
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Improving Access To Care Through Teledentistry

Teledentistry is a practical and cost-effective way to improve oral health care for underserved children, found researchers from the University of Rochester's Eastman Institute for Oral Health.

This form of dentistry provides the means for a patient to receive services when the patient is in one physical location and the dentist overseeing the delivery of those services is in another location. [Read more...](#)



Network Research Makes an Impact!

Newly released results from a National Dental Practice-Based Research Network research study, led by Midwest Regional Director, Dr. Brad Rindal, have quickly drawn attention in the dental community. Published in The Journal of the American Dental Association in February, the study showed that it is feasible and acceptable for dental offices to screen and test patients for oral human papillomavirus, or HPV. [Read more...](#)

Southwest Annual Regional Meeting

Practitioners from the Southwest Region (Arizona, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) gathered on February 21st and 22nd in San Antonio, TX for the annual practitioner meeting to celebrate their success with the National Dental PBRN. The 2-day meeting included presentations, panel discussions, and posters allowing 95 practitioners from the region to participate in a 7-hour meeting that offered up to 6 hours of continuing education units (CEUs).

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Reducing the Risk of Patient Opioid Misuse

When prescribing opioids, dentists can reduce the risk of patient misuse by using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and educating their patients about the importance of using opioids only as prescribed, not sharing their medication with others, and properly storing and disposing of unused medication.

A study published in the May 2018 issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association looked at the pain management prescribing practices of and risk reduction strategies used by dentists through a web-based, cross-sectional survey of members of the National Dental PBRN. A total of 822 practicing dentists completed the survey. [Read more...](#)

