



Quick Poll Results – Network Participation

April's Quick Poll focused on participation in Network activities, as well as the motivators and barriers for participation.

Among the 544 respondents, most members have participated in a monthly quick poll (88%), participated in a Network questionnaire (75%), and/or read the monthly e-Newsletter (71%). Forty-four percent, forty-three percent, and thirty-one percent of respondents, read a journal article reporting on a Network Study, participated in a Network clinical study, and attended a Network meeting of practitioners, respectively.

Combined, 62% of respondents selected participating in a Network questionnaire study, participating in a monthly quick poll, and participating in a Network clinical study among their three preferred Network activities.

The primary motivator for Network participation was being contacted by the Regional Coordinator (52.9%), followed by reading about the activity in the Network newsletter or website (23%).

Nearly 70% of respondents indicated that improving their knowledge on the latest evidence about dental care as a benefit from being a Network member, followed by improving the way they thought about clinical questions (49%), improving their quality of patient care (43%), and improving their quality of clinical operations (34%).

When asked about barriers to participation, the common themes reported within the responses were lack of time and not being eligible for the study due to practitioner type or practice setting. However, the responses reflected that members found the Network beneficial by being a resource for knowledge, research, and networking with their peers. One comment that best summarized responders' sentiments states, "I have enjoyed the network and its communications and rely on the findings regularly in my practice. Keep up the great work; it is vital for good quality dentistry."