

Testimonial from Dr. Kyungsup Shin



I was very fortunate to get to know the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network (Network) and had a great opportunity to participate in the prospective study entitled, 'Anterior Open Bite Malocclusions in Adults: Recommendations, Treatment and Stability'. In this study, I recruited orthodontic practitioners, conducted the designed study with my own patients in my intramural faculty clinic at the University of Iowa, and participated in proofreading the final manuscript.

As a clinician and educator, I found that the clinical settings in dental schools have great potential for a wide range of valuable clinical research activities using the Network's platform for the following reasons: 1) intramural faculty practice is typically run by multiple faculty clinicians who have diverse training backgrounds, 2) many dental schools have a broad spectrum of specialties as well as the general practice so that various clinical questions across different disciplines can be addressed, 3) many adjunct faculty members have their own practices, where they can utilize resources from their practices to participate in any Network-supporting studies of their own interests.

I was very grateful to be a part of the research team efforts to provide orthodontic practitioners with valuable evidence-based clinical guidelines. I look forward to seeing more dental schools actively participate in these great research opportunities from the Network!

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