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Network study: Endo Study

Probably the most memorable study that I participated in was the endo study (PREDICT). One of the challenges that I came away from this was how challenging it is for researchers to get the samples all the way to the end point even with a financial incentive to the participants. Patients dropped out just by not answering email or telephone calls and also not following through with regular cleanings that I think we are pretty good at getting people back.

The second point about the study was how challenging it can be to do the paperwork and follow through that's required. It's not because of unreasonable demands on the study design but the challenges involved in a busy practice and adding another layer of processes.

It was also rewarding to think that you were part of something bigger than your clinic and may bring to light something new or different.