

Testimonial from Dr. David Avenetti



I first discovered the National Dental PBRN as a pediatric dentistry resident. It was interesting to learn that clinicians in the field could contribute patient care data to help answer questions we face daily. Furthermore, it's exciting to know that the PBRN allows research to move outside the walls of academic centers. This was a new concept at the time, and it's great to see that this endeavor has grown in recent years to include specialty components.

As a clinician, researcher, educator, and advocate for children's oral health, the PBRN gives us the tools to answer very meaningful questions in the forefront of patient care. All too often, we are faced with questions around cost-effectiveness, efficacy, safety/quality, among others, with limited data to guide our decision-making. We want what is best, but don't always know the best way to get there. With more practitioners contributing data, we will end up with a population-based mine of useful information. This provides an outstanding mechanism for answering translational clinical questions that will foster the evidence-based practice and clinical decision making.

I look forward to having more clear clinical practice guidelines based on PBRN's purpose. This will move oral health forward for future generations.

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