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Network Studies In Progress

Network studies are moving along. If you are interested in participating, learning more about current and upcoming studies, and requirements for participation, contact NationalDPBRN@uab.edu.

Studies currently underway:

- Predicting Successful Single-Unit Crowns-Part 1

Quick Poll-Dental Erosion

There's still time to participate in our quick poll on [Dental Erosion](#)

Dental erosion is defined as the irreversible loss of tooth structure by a chemical process that does not involve bacteria. There are two types of erosion: intrinsic and extrinsic. The extrinsic type is related to dietary habits and/or medication. The intrinsic, is generally seen on eating disorders, gastro-esophageal reflux disease or regurgitation. Careful clinical observation of the different erosion patterns is useful in identifying the etiology, so that proper treatment can be advised. Clinical signs that practitioners may encounter are cupping of cusps tips or incisal edges, restorations standing alone or loss of enamel characteristics in non-occluding areas.

Quick Poll Results

Quick Poll Results-Caries Risk Assessment

Personal professional judgment was the typical method in determining caries risk, our April 2015 Quick Poll found. Nearly 90% of respondent's patients are adults. These adults are predominantly

- Decision Aids for Management of Suspicious Occlusal Caries Lesions
- Management of Dentin Hypersensitivity

Studies currently recruiting patients:

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- Management of Dentin Hypersensitivity

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in the age range 45 to 64 years. In regard to determining caries risk, the typical method was personal professional judgment (84%).

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Article of Interest

Dentists' Decisions to Conduct Caries Risk Assessment in a Dental Practice-Based Research Network

The April 2015 issue of *Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology* featured an article entitled "Dentists' decisions to conduct caries risk assessment in a Dental Practice-Based Research Network".

Clinical Questions: Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) is crucial to both diagnosing and treating caries. What are dentists' subjective ratings of the importance of specific caries risk factors when developing treatment plans and are these ratings significantly associated with whether or not the dentist performs CRA?

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Member Highlight

This month we would like to highlight Dr. Charles Pesce, Network member and general dentist from Athens, TN. Dr. Pesce successfully completed his first clinical study "[Decision Aids for the Management of Suspicious Occlusal Caries Lesions](#)".

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