



# The Nation's Network

Improving the nation's oral health by improving the knowledge base for clinical decision-making and moving the latest evidence into routine care.



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## Network News

### Student Coursework Using Evidence-Based Dental Research


















Fourth-year students are being introduced to a cutting edge curriculum at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Dentistry with the help of our Network. The course is entitled *Current Topics* and it incorporates National Dental PBRN research in an evidence-based format. [Read more...](#)

## Article of Interest

### Making a Good First Impression

When a patient needs a crown, most dentists create a polymeric impression of the tooth, create a stone cast from the impression, and have a laboratory make a crown from the cast. But the impressions laboratories receive are sometimes flawed, and dentists have to redo them. A new study shows what factors are associated with making a good impression on the first try, researchers reported in the November 2017 *Journal of the American Dental Association*. [Read more...](#)

Who's making a good first impression?		
	Remake less than 2% of their impressions	Remake more than 4% of their impressions
 all study participants	 59%	 17%
 new graduates	 44%	 30%
 veteran clinicians	 65%	 13%
 men	 61%	 14%
 women	 54%	 24%

## Member Highlight

### December Network Member of the Month: Sharon Nicholson Harrell

I am the dental director for FirstHealth Dental Care, where we provide comprehensive dental care to underserved children up to age 21. Our clinics are located in Southern Pines, Troy, and Raeford, North Carolina.



It has been our immense pleasure to partner with the National Dental PBRN in the study entitled "Management of Dentin Hypersensitivity." Our research coordinator was outstanding. She "held our hands" from the very beginning, and guided us through the process painlessly. Whenever we had a question, she always answered promptly. She educated and trained us well, and I was impressed with her professionalism and her enthusiasm for the project, which was contagious! She never tired of answering the questions we had. The entire National Dental PBRN staff were phenomenal to work with! [Read more...](#)

## Quick Poll Results

### Quick Poll Results: Dentists Weigh In on Incomplete Caries Removal

Most dentists will leave some infected tissue before doing a restoration when they think removing it would expose the pulp, our November Quick Poll shows. Of the 400 poll respondents, 76 percent said they had done an incomplete caries removal. This reverses a long-standing practice in dentistry of removing all bacteria and infected dental tissues before restoring the resulting cavity. [Read more...](#)

## Dentists performing incomplete caries removal



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