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Join Dental Practitioners in a Practice-Based Research Interactive Symposium

You are invited to the Symposium: ***Establishing a Learning Health System within the National Dental PBRN*** at the American Association for Dental Research/Canadian Association for Dental Research Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Los Angeles, CA on Friday, March 18, 2016 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Learn more about the speakers, interactive breakout sessions, and how to register.

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Member Forum

Interested in Learning More About Network Study Participation? Join the Discussion Dec. 7-11!

Next week, December 7-11, Regional Coordinators (RCs) will be leading a discussion on the [Member Forum](#) about what it's like to participate in a Network study. RCs can answer any questions you may have about what the study process entails and we hope you'll join in with comments about your experience, too.

First time joining a conversation on the Forum? Take a look at

Effective prevention and early detection and treatment of oral problems associated with dry mouth require aggressive management by both dentist and patient. The results of [this poll](#) will help determine whether this issue merits further investigation by the Network. Poll closes December 9!

**Recently moved?
New contact
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Exciting things are happening in The Network. Stay updated and in the know by emailing your Regional Coordinator your updated information.

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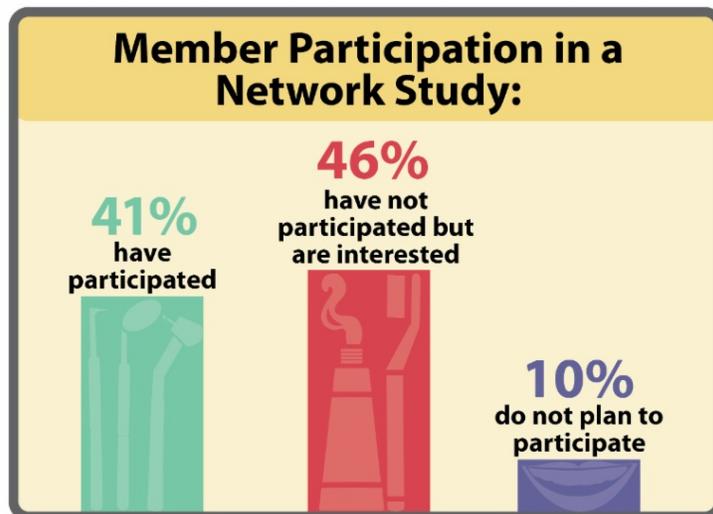
Quick Poll Results

Participating in a Network Study

More than 400 practitioners from across the country participated in the Network's recent Quick Poll survey about their involvement in clinical studies and how the Network could facilitate participation in future opportunities.

A total of 41 percent reported previous participation in a study, 46 percent said they have not had the opportunity to participate but are interested, and 10 percent are uninterested in participation. Eighty percent of the respondents said they hear about upcoming studies via email, and others are informed via Network newsletters (21 percent) or by a regional coordinator (16 percent).

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Member of the Month

Dr. Pamela McMahon

Dr. Pamela McMahon has a long career in dentistry. "I've been working in a dental office since I was 14," she says. Since 2001 she's owned Gold Canyon Dentistry in the rural community of Gold Canyon, Arizona. In addition to her busy career at home, she volunteers monthly with the Flying Samaritans, a nonprofit organization that runs free medical clinics in the remote



communities in South Baja, Mexico.

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Member Highlight

Dr. Merle A. Nunemaker



In private practice since 1977 and a Network member since 2012, Dr. Merle A. Nunemaker is participating in the Network's [Cracked Tooth Registry](#). He also participated in the Network's [Isolation Techniques Used When Performing Root Canal Treatment](#) questionnaire, which quantified the use of rubber dams for root

canals.

Dr. Nunemaker recently gave a presentation about his participation in the studies and the Network more broadly at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he earned his DDS and served as a clinical adjunct professor from 2011 to 2013.

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Article of Interest

Intensity of Pain Before a Root Canal Predicts Severity of Post-op Pain

Researchers have identified factors that predict which patients are at risk of having severe pain following a root canal, they report in a Network study published in the March 2015 issue of the [Journal of Dental Research](#). The study included 652 patients from the practices of 46 general dentists and 16 endodontists, all Network members.

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