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National Dental PBRN Enrollment Information

The National Dental PBRN is enrolling new practitioners. The first step in the enrollment process is to complete a questionnaire about you and your practice. If you would like to complete the Enrollment Questionnaire, please click [here](#). You will be asked to enter your email address and last name. An email will then be sent to you with a personalized link which will allow you to complete your questionnaire.

Practitioners who previously participated in the Dental PBRN, PEARL or PRECEDENT networks are asked to re-enroll because of revised enrollment questions, the need to update information, and the opportunity to submit ideas for research studies.

If you have any questions, please contact Sonia Makhija, Network Director of Communications and Dissemination, by email at dentalpbrn@uab.edu.

Annual meeting of the South Central region practitioner-investigators

South Central regions practitioner-investigators held their annual meeting March 9-10, 2012 at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa in Hoover, AL (<http://www.rossbridgeresort.com>). A total of 98 persons attended, including more than 81 practitioner-investigators.

During the reception, practitioner-investigators were able to view recent research posters and related materials. Dr. Gregg Gilbert, National Dental PBRN Network Director, gave an update on the latest activities and how practitioner-investigators are actively participating in the publication and dissemination process. Dr. Gilbert also acknowledged the region's "high achievers": Dr. George Allen of Mobile, AL was the most active practitioner by participating in 15 clinical studies, surveys, and meetings; Dr. Keith Calvert of Birmingham, AL had the most restorations in the study "Reasons for placing the first restoration" with 77 restorations; Dr. M. Kaye Shaw of Fairhope, AL had the most enrolled lesions for studies "Reasons for repair or replacing restorations" and "Prevalence of questionable occlusal questions lesions" with 96 and 76, respectively; Dr. Charles Keith of Saraland, AL had the highest percentage of patient surveys returned from the study "Patient satisfaction of dental restorations" with 94%; and Dr. Ronald DiChiara of Hoover, AL had the most patients in the study "Peri-operative pain and root canal therapy" with 29 patients. Drs. Donald DeNucci and Dena Fischer of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov>), one of the institutes of the U.S. National Institutes of Health (<http://www.nih.gov>), presented important background information on dental PBRNs as well as the future of PBRNs, and a Q&A session.

Dr. George Allen, a practitioner-investigator from Mobile, AL, presented results from the study "Patient satisfaction with a dental restoration visit". Dr. Wendy Holder, a practitioner-investigator from Alexander City, AL presented findings from the study "Infrastructure update study", specifically looking at rubber dam use during root canal treatment.

Attendees separated into small groups to discuss 6 topics: (1) Concordance of treatment planning thresholds; (2) How to make National Dental PBRN a resounding success; (3) Ideas for National Dental PBRN studies; (4) Rubber dam use during root canal treatment; (5) Repair vs. replacement and ideas for a follow-up study; and (6) Patient satisfaction and ideas for a follow-up study. When the groups re-convened to summarize their discussions, the information from each breakout session was thought-provoking. Thanks to all attendees for putting so much energy into the breakout sessions! Thanks also to the 6 practitioner-investigators who led each of the 6 groups (Drs. Tim Heaven of Birmingham, AL; Sonia Makhija of Birmingham, AL; Martha Wallace Dawson of Birmingham, AL; Randall Palmore of Pinson, AL; Jocelyn McClelland of Alabaster, AL; and Gerry Walker of Trussville, AL).

Network Champions awards were also given to two practitioner-investigators who have distinguished themselves as leaders and advocates for practice-based research: Dr. Gerald Anderson of Selma, AL and Dr. Martha Wallace Dawson of Birmingham, AL.

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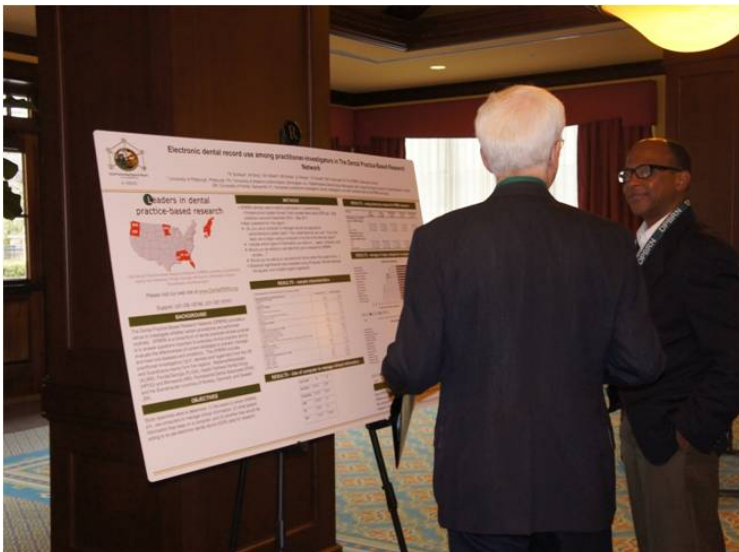
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Practitioner-investigators checking in for the meeting.



Practitioner-investigators socialize before the meeting begins.



Practitioner-investigators discuss a study poster.



Practitioner-investigators discuss the meeting during the break.



Dr. Gery Anderson, of Selma, AL, receives the Champions Award presented by Dr. Gregg Gilbert.



Dr. Martha Wallace Dawson receives the Champions Award from Dr. Gregg Gilbert.

National Dental PBRN Video Testimonials

Practitioner-investigator video testimonials now on YouTube

Some practitioner-investigators who attended the annual meeting March 9-10, 2012 at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa provided video testimonials describing the impact their participation has had on their practice.

Click [here](#) to view the testimonials.

Many thanks to the following members for their testimonials:

- Dr. Adolphus Jackson of Birmingham, AL
- Dr. Randy Harvell of Huntsville, AL
- Dr. Jocelyn McClelland of Alabaster, AL
- Dr. Tyrone Parrish of Dothan, AL
- Dr. Scott Shepherd of Stevenson, AL
- Dr. Barry Goodspeed of Homewood, AL
- Dr. Martha Wallace Dawson of Birmingham, AL
- Dr. Mary Wallace of Rainbow City, AL
- Dr. Earl Hydrick of Tuscaloosa, AL
- Dr. Charles Yarbrough of Mobile, AL
- Dr. Jim Smith of Birmingham, AL
- Dr. Anthony Tortomasi of Sumiton, AL
- Dr. M. Kaye Shaw of Fairhope, AL
- Dr. Gordon Isbell of Gadsden, AL
- Dr. George Allen of Mobile, AL
- Dr. James Sanderson of Birmingham, AL
- Dr. Paul Dirkes of Atmore, AL