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Quick Poll - Phantom Bite

There's still time to participate in the June [Quick Poll](#) on "occlusal dysesthesia" or "phantom bite".

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Exciting things are happening in The Network. Stay updated and in the know by emailing your

Member Forum

Join the Member Forum Discussion on Perioscaling July 12-15!

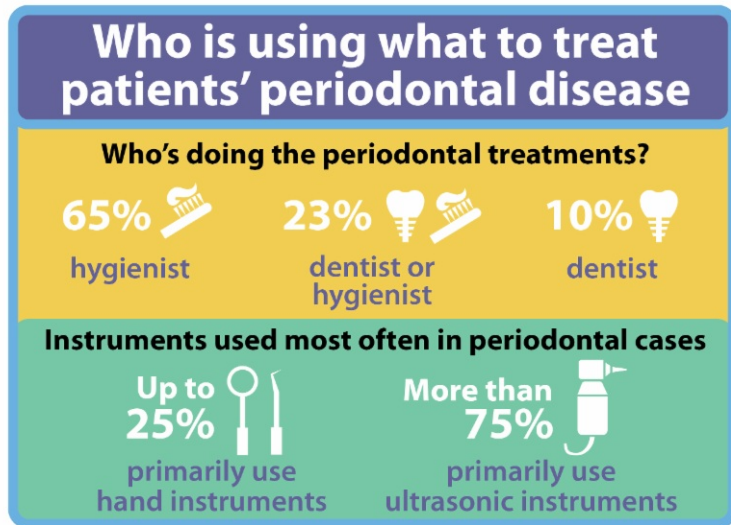
This month's Quick Poll results found that the ultrasonic/piezo instrumentation was the primary choice for treatment used for perioscaling/root planing in patients. [Read more...](#)

Quick Poll Results

Quick Poll Results-Are Hand Instruments Falling Out of Favor for Periodontal Treatments?

Scaling and root planing are an important part of dentists' armamentarium for the treatment of periodontal disease. Teaching dental students how to use hand instruments to perform these nonsurgical treatments is a significant part of dental schools' hygiene curriculum. Students also practice these skills during their clinical training. But what happens when students graduate and enter practice-are they still using hand instruments or do they rely on ultrasonic piezo instruments for scaling and root planing? Our quick poll of hygienists and dentists reveals that hand instruments are still common in dental offices, but less popular than the ultrasonic instruments. [Read more...](#)

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Study Updates

Studies Currently Recruiting Participants

- Factors for Successful Crowns
- Leveraging Electronic Dental Record Data for Clinical Research
- A Pilot Study to Evaluate Feasibility and Acceptance of Oral HPV Detection in the National Dental PBRN

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News Item

The Network Holds Symposium at the Gulf Coast Dental Conference

The Network was invited to hold a symposium at the Gulf Coast Dental Conference on June 11th in Orange Beach, AL.



Drs. Gregg Gilbert (Network director), Sonia Makhija (Deputy Director for the South Central Region), and Randall Palmore (Network practitioner from Pinson, AL) led the symposium entitled "The National Dental Practice-Based Research Network: Cracked Teeth, Hypersensitivity, Suspicious Occlusal Caries, Successful Crowns, and Improving Your Practice." Dr. Gilbert gave an overview of the Network and discussed preliminary study results from the Cracked Tooth Study. Dr. Palmore spoke of his experiences as a member, how doing the studies in the office will improve your practice, as well as preliminary study results from the Management of Dentin Hypersensitivity and Successful Crowns questionnaire. Dr. Makhija discussed preliminary study results from the Suspicious Occlusal Caries Lesions study. [Read more...](#)

Member of the Month

July Network Member of the Month: Dr. Bill Shea

I have been involved in practice-based research since 2010. I have participated in several studies during the years and have found them to be quite a nice addition to my day. The most recent study I completed was Factors for Successful Crowns. It was simple to employ and didn't affect patient care time in the least.

Participating in research adds another dimension to my practice of dentistry. It helps me to keep in touch with what is new and developing. My patients think it is great that their dentist is doing research and are very willing to participate. Not a single patient has said "no" to my request for their participation. The community has embraced it also. Our local paper published a front page article about my participation in a study-not bad free advertising. [Read more...](#)

