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### Quick Poll - Child/Adolescent Periodontal Disease

There's still time to participate in the August [Quick Poll](#) on "Child/Adolescent Periodontal Disease".

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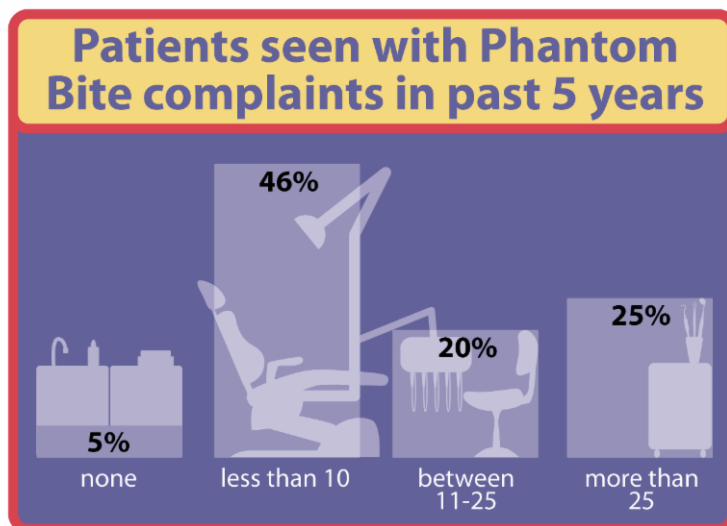
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## Quick Poll Results

### Quick Poll Results-"Phantom Bites" Are a Real Problem for Dentists

In our June 2016 Quick Poll, 46 percent of our 338 respondents said they've had up to 10 patients in the past 5 years who complained of their bite "being off." Almost 25 percent of respondents said they have had more than 25 patients with this complaint.

However, the practitioners couldn't find a problem for many of these patients. About 40 percent of respondents said that up to one-fourth of these patients had a normal bite and no obvious problem, while 13 percent said that more than three-fourths of the patients appeared fine. [Read more...](#)



## Study Updates

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- 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
- Management of Painful Temporomandibular Disorders (TMD)

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## Article of Interest

### Dentists Disagree on When To Use a Crown, Studies Offer Some Guidance

Dentists vary quite a bit on whether or not to recommend a crown for certain conditions, according to a Network study published online August 1, 2016, in The Journal of the American Dental Association.

The 1,777 Network practitioners were asked to list the top three reasons they recommend a crown in their practice, such as active caries, endodontic therapy, a large restoration, or a broken restoration. They also rated their likelihood of recommending a crown for four teeth pictured in a questionnaire, assuming the same patient characteristics for each tooth. Of the respondents, 73 percent were men, 63 percent had graduated 20 or more years ago, and all place at least one crown in a typical month. Only 3 percent were specialists.. [Read more...](#)

## Member of the Month

### September Network Member of the Month: Jennifer T. Kaatz

I did research during college and the first two years of dental school. Participating in National Dental PBRN studies now feels like bringing things "full circle." What is great about the studies is that they have been very relevant to my daily practice of dentistry. It is easy to gather information/data when the areas of study are already part of your routine day. At the same time, the studies help remind me about the principles and guidelines behind practicing dentistry.



Patients are interested and willing to "help out" by enrolling in the studies. Several patients often ask at their check-up appointments if there is anything else they need to do... even though the study has been over for a while! Patients seem to appreciate that dentistry is evidence-based and that the studies are on a national level. It also helps them participate in their own health care and future health care for others. [Read more...](#)

