Welcome!

The Southwest Region of the National Dental PBRN would like to introduce our newsletter. The newsletter will allow members to see region-specific statistics, current studies, upcoming studies and much more. On behalf of the Southwest Region, please enjoy!

Meet the Regional Coordinators!

Stephanie Reyes and Sarah Theisen are the Southwest Regional Coordinators. They have both been involved with the National Dental PBRN since the beginning. Stephanie Reyes has been conducting local practice-based research for four years prior to the National Network. This is Sarah Theisen’s first time conducting practice-based research. The Regional Coordinators are always there to help! Please feel free to call or email with any questions you may have.

Current Region Statistics

Currently the Southwest Region has over 800 members!

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Dental Practice-Based Research is...

- A Nationwide, grassroots effort from practitioners
- Asking and answering questions important to daily practice
- Having an impact on the quality of care we deliver
- Sharing experiences and expertise
- Designed to gather real world evidence

You can stay current with latest research by downloading research articles from PubMed.

This website also offers a tutorial section which guides you while searching for any research article.

PubMed

Upcoming Studies

1. Cracked tooth registry
2. Isolation methods used during root canal therapy
3. Suspicious occlusal caries study
4. Dentin hypersensitivity study
5. Smoking cessation
6. Patient satisfaction study
7. HPV-oral cancer study

CDE Opportunities

National Dental PBRN CE:
http://nationaldentalpbrn.org/videos.php
*The last two videos on the page*

Get Ready-Study Coming!
Cracked Tooth Registry

The overall goal is to identify factors that predict adverse outcomes in cracked teeth.

This will be a four-year observational study of 3,000 cracked teeth nationally. Patients must be at least 19 years old and have a posterior permanent natural tooth with a crack. You will record an assessment of the patient, tooth, and crack(s) at baseline, and then once each year for four years. If you do any treatment on that tooth, you will also record that information.

Both practitioners and patients will receive compensation for the time spent doing the study.

For more information, please call our Regional Coordinator Stephanie Reyes.

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**PBRN Travel Buddies**

Meet Pneubert and Petunia!! These two buddies travel around with us. They have attended many meetings, presentations and booths.

**Places they have traveled to:**
- El Paso Dental Conference
- Texas Dental Hygienists’ Association
- Texas Oral Health Coalition
- UT Health School of Dentistry at Houston
- Star of the South Dental Conference
- Oklahoma Dental Association Annual Meeting
- Annual Session of the Texas Dental Association
- Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry
- New Mexico Dental Association Annual Session

**Where to next?**

- Hispanic Dental Association: Boston, MA
- American Academy of Periontology Philadelphia, PA
- Southwest Dental Conference: Dallas, TX

**In the Works...**

What has the Southwest Region been up to?

- Simple talking points for members-colleague interaction
- Short PowerPoint presentation for study clubs, dental societies, etc.
  - [http://tinyurl.com/SimpleMember](http://tinyurl.com/SimpleMember)
- 2nd Annual Southwest Region Meeting

**Completed Required Training?**

**Full and Limited Membership**

- Abbreviated Human Subject Protection Training (CITI) [www.citiprogram.org](http://www.citiprogram.org)
  
  For CITI instructions, please click the link below
  - [http://tinyurl.com/CITIinstructions](http://tinyurl.com/CITIinstructions)

  If you are just getting started, please contact Sarah Theisen for any assistance with the Orientation Video or the CITI Training.

**Change of Primary Address?**

Please contact a Regional Coordinator to update your Primary Address. The Regional Coordinator will then send an email for the update.

**PLEASE CONTACT A REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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