Welcome to the STOHN e-newsletter!

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STOHN Member Recruitment

If you are interested in joining STOHN and becoming involved with local, practice based research, please complete the STOHN Enrollment Survey. Please direct any questions or completed paper surveys to:

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Check out our website!

The STOHN website can be viewed at http://stohn.uthscsa.edu. Visit the website to learn more about the network through our FAQ section, information on training, past, current, and upcoming projects, resources and access to publications and presentations.

Our Mission:
“Dedicated to improving quality care by conducting oral health studies on topics of interest and importance to you and your practice.”

YOU COULD BE FEATURED AS OUR MEMBER PRACTICE OF THE MONTH!
SEND PICTURES OF YOU AND YOUR PRACTICE TO COLLEEN DOLAN AT DOLANC@UTHSCSA.EDU
Past Study:
Dental Practitioners’ Knowledge and Perceptions of BONJ

**Purpose:** To assess practicing dentists’ perceptions, attitudes and knowledge towards BONJ treatment recommendations regarding the management of patients with a history of bisphosphonate therapy utilizing the South Texas Oral Health Network.

**Results:**
- Most practitioners (78%) classified as high knowledge (50/64) felt they were well-informed compared to 54% classified as low knowledge (13/24) (p=0.03).
- Knowledge score groupings reflected differences in practice behaviors for medical history (94% high vs. 71% low; p=0.01), altering treatments offered (97% high vs. 79% low; p=0.06), and blood testing for bisphosphonate therapy (30% high vs. 9% low; p=0.05).

NEW STUDIES!

1. **Molar-Incisor Hypomineralization (MIH):**
   - We are hoping to learn how often MIH occurs among children in South Texas aged 6 to 14 years. Clinicians are asked to take patient demographics and record the presence of MIH among 6 to 14 year old children who present for a dental exam.
   - To participate, please fill out the attached MIH Study flyer. In addition, there is study-related training for you and any study involved staff.

2. **Oral Cancer Knowledge Assessment:**
   - We are attempting to assess current knowledge amongst dental professionals regarding oral cancer. This will help us develop future educational programs in this area.
   - To participate, please set aside 5 minutes of your time to complete a 12 question survey. Please scan the QR code to access the survey or visit: [Oral Cancer Knowledge Assessment Survey](#)

Both studies are in collaboration with the UTHSCSA Dental School.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Colleen Dolan, Network Coordinator at dolanc@uthscsa.edu or 210-562-5652.
Our studies through STOHN will be done separately from the National Dental PBRN but will serve as stepping-stones toward larger studies through the National Network.

We think this is an exciting opportunity for us to develop studies addressing some of our local concerns.

How are STOHN Studies Conducted?

Collecting data is an integral part of any research study. Studies conducted by STOHN usually follow a specific protocol to ensure participation and timely, accurate data collection:

1. Invitation letters are sent to clinics requesting participation in a particular study.
2. Once the practitioner accepts the invitation, the STOHN Network Coordinator (NC) makes contact with the clinic.
3. The NC works with the Practice Manager to establish and carry out the plan for the project.
4. In the case of a survey study, the NC will drop off the survey at the clinic, establish and discuss a timeline with the practitioner, periodically check the progress, and pick up the surveys once completed.

If you would like to get involved with STOHN or would like more information, please contact the Network Coordinator:
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Have you completed the required Human Subjects Research Training?

It’s just 2 simple steps:

1. Watch a 30 minute video.
2. Complete a 14 question quiz.

Visit the STOHN website:
http://iims.uthscsa.edu/STOHN/training

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Member Practice of the Month! Hill Country Dental Associates: