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Fall 2019 Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE



STOHN Annual Meeting

December 6th, 2019 1:30 PM-4:00PM

8403 Floyd Curl Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229

South Texas Research Facility (STRF)

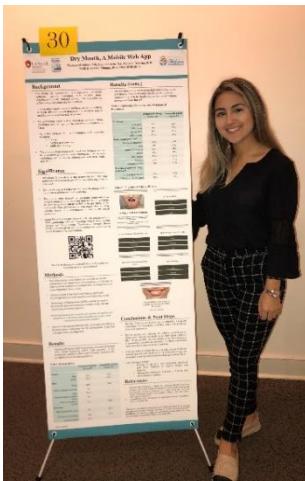
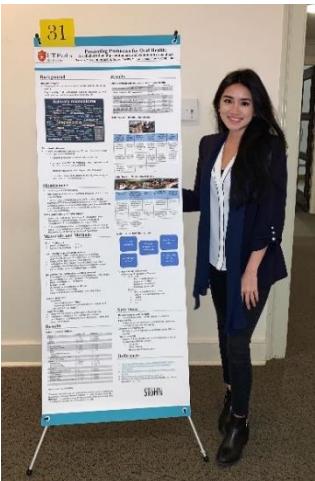
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2019 IIMS Community-Engagement Symposium

The Institute for Integration of Medicine and Science (IIMS) hosted its annual Community Engagement Symposium at the Witte Museum on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The symposium addressed how community-campus partnerships develop and engage for the successful conduct of research that leads to the translation of research discoveries for improved health and well-being.

Our very own Assistant Director of STOHN Melanie Taverna and Board of Director Dr. Cheryl Davis attended the symposium and were able to network with researchers and community members. STOHN interns had the opportunity to showcase our posters to community members, healthcare practitioners, researchers and students. The posters highlighted the studies at STOHN about Xerostomia (Dry Mouth) and Probiotics for oral health.



Student interns, Thi Nguyen (BS) and Gianna Saenz (BA) presenting at the 2019 IIMS CE Symposium.

Spotlight

New Team Member



Marissa Mendoza, MS

STOHN Network Coordinator

STOHN would like to welcome Marissa Mendoza to the IIMS team. She received her Master of Science in Psychology degree from UTSA in 2016 and has several years of research experience. She is the new coordinator and main contact for STOHN activities.

If you are interested in being involved with STOHN or needs assistance with your membership, please contact her at (210) 562-5652 or email mendozamj@uthscsa.edu

The STOHN website can be viewed at <https://iims.uthscsa.edu/STOHN/home>

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.

Current Ongoing Studies

Probiotics for Oral Health

Probiotics have been shown to effectively treat periodontal disease when used in sufficient amounts. This study recruited 12 health practitioners and 21 community members to participate in 2 focus groups for consensus building towards the development of health promotional materials on the use of probiotics for oral health. The goal is to enhance communication between physicians and patients and bring attention to new alternative therapies in combating prominent oral diseases. Currently, we are developing culturally appropriate educational materials such as fact sheets, children's activity sheets, and posters. Professionals and community members will review the materials for validity and usability.

News Flash!

The manuscript, *Tooth Fairy Study- The South Texas Oral Health Network Collaboration*, has been accepted by the Texas Dental Journal and will be published in the November 2019 issue! Congratulations to the authors and all who contributed to the study.

Have a research idea?

Let us know!

If you have a research idea (dentist or dental hygienist) that you would like to develop into a study, please contact Director, Dr. Rahma Mungia at mungia@uthscsa.edu or Assistant Director, Prof. Melanie Taverna at taverna@uthscsa.edu

STOHN Recruitment

If you are interested in joining STOHN and becoming involved with local, practice-based research, please complete the [STOHN Enrollment Survey](#).