

# STOHN

## THE SOUTH TEXAS ORAL HEALTH NETWORK



### HIGHLIGHT

#### Virtual Annual Meeting and E-Cigarette Webinar

We are glad to announce the success of our recent virtual event that took place on 10th September 2021, with 39 attendees for the meeting and 28 for the webinar. We like to thank Dr. Asma Khan, Ms. Betsy Jones, and Dr. Amisha Revawala for creating and providing great information through their presentations. Marissa, our research coordinator, led an intriguing idea generation activity along with discussion and also stepped in for Dr. Revawala to present a portion of her webinar. We are grateful for our current and previous interns- Alyssa, Yasmarie, Monika, Chloe, Honesty, Clarisse and Andrea for their efforts and contribution.

We received tremendous feedback from our participants and their involvement in great numbers motivates us to continue organizing such intriguing events in the future.

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### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

**Marissa Mexquitic** presented the poster "ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF AN INNOVATIVE E-CIGARETTE CESSATION PROGRAM (R.A.K.E.) ON DENTAL PRACTITIONER KNOWLEDGE " at the UTSA SAMHS and Universities Research Forum (SURF).

Our Interns presented virtual posters at the The Robert A. Clark Frontiers of Translation Science Research Day on May 5, 2021.

- **Andrea Arce** - *Outlooks and Adaptations by Endodontists and General Dentists on the COVID 19 Pandemic.*
- **Crystal Obaretin** - *Practitioner Knowledge and Confidence on the Treatment of Patients with Ectodermal Dysplasia.*
- **Gabrielle Oniya** - *Assessing the Impact of an Innovative E-Cigarette Cessation Program (R.A.K.E.) on Dental Practitioner Knowledge'.*
- **Monika Singh** - *Dry mouth: Awareness Among Dentists And Community Members'.*

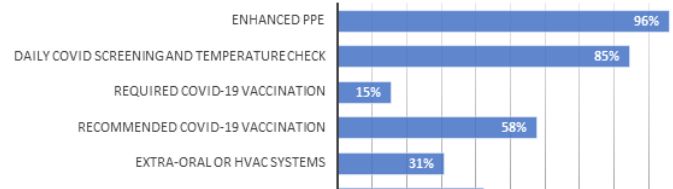


## QUICK POLL

Earlier this summer, Dr. Rekha Reddy, a member of STOHN, conducted a quick poll on "Patient hesitancy in returning to the dental office due to COVID-19 concerns". The results of this quick poll can be accessed below.

<https://iims.uthscsa.edu/sites/iims/files/STOHN/Patient%20Return%20COVID-19%20Quick%20Poll%20Write-up%20%20edited.pdf>

### Personnel Specific Changes to Decrease Patient Hesitancy In Returning to Dental Office



## Teeth Whitening Quick Poll

Due to the emerging emphasis on esthetics by patients of all ages, tooth whitening (in-office and take-home) has been deemed the most sought-after cosmetic process in dentistry. Multiple methods for whitening have been marketed aggressively as accessible and effective. The take-home process has been developed so the patient requires little skill. The popularity and diverse results make it imperative to understand patient selection, efficacy and adverse events to assure patient success.

Please complete the 5-question poll regarding your overall experience with whitening in your dental office. Your response will help determine whether this issue merits further investigation by the Network. Thank you for taking the time to respond. We'll keep you posted about the results of the quick poll.

<https://redcap.uthscsa.edu/REDCap/surveys/?s=T4KCDDMHKJWAKRAH>

### FREE CE ONLINE COURSES

- **Vaping and Oral Health: Seeing Through Clouds**

<https://ebusiness.ada.org/education/vcourse.aspx?id=536>

- **Embracing a Culture of Safety in Dentistry**

<https://ebusiness.ada.org/education/vcourse.aspx?id=524>

- **E-Cigarettes: What are the Facts Behind All that Vapor?**

<https://ebusiness.ada.org/education/vcourse.aspx?id=342>

- **COVID-19 Infection Control Protocols & Procedures**

<https://ebusiness.ada.org/education/vcourse.aspx?id=400>

## Welcome Interns!

We welcome our newest members to STOHN! We are very excited to be working with each and every one of you as our network continues to grow.

- **Andrea Arce** - Andrea is currently a coordinator for the Southwest Region of the National Dental PBRN. She recently majored in Psychology along with a double minor in Biology and Public Health - Health Promotion. Doing research has inspired her by participating in multiple clinical surveys and also strengthened her commitment to a career in dentistry that requires her to continuously learn.
- **Clarisse Truong**- Clarisse is an intern for the South Texas Oral Health Network. She is currently a UTSA student double majoring in Biology and Psychology. She is passionate about pursuing her career in dentistry and also about educating others on the importance of oral health and making dental care more accessible.
- **Honesty Boone**- Honesty is an intern for the South Texas Oral Health Network. She recently majored in public health with an emphasis in epidemiology and disease control. She intends to pursue a career in dentistry while maintaining her involvement in public health to provide preventative oral health care as a practitioner in the future.
- **Monika Singh** - Monika is an international dentist from New Delhi, India. Her past experience and knowledge has encouraged her to pursue her dream of becoming a fine dentist in the United States. She envisions to continue her determination to follow her passion and helping the community by delivering the bright smiles.

For current updates, be sure to check out our website at <https://iims.uthscsa.edu/STOHN/home> or contact Network Coordinator Marissa Mexquitic at [Mexquitic@uthscsa.edu](mailto:Mexquitic@uthscsa.edu).

If you are interested in joining STOHN and becoming more involved with local, practice-based research, click the link below or scan the QR code!

