



STOHN
THE SOUTH TEXAS ORAL HEALTH NETWORK

Highlights

STOHN Intern and Southwest Regional Coordinator for the National Dental PBRN Andrea Arce presented "Buxism Treatment Among Dental Practitioners: Preliminary Qualitative Findings from the National Dental PBRN" at the 40th Annual School of Dentistry Research & Clinical Symposium at UT Health San Antonio.

- 2 of our current students, Andrea and Jackie, and 2 of our former students, Kaela and Karla, have been accepted into Dental School for the upcoming Fall. Congratulations as you all take this next step in your dental careers!
Our Director, Dr. Rahma Mungia, along with Dr. Moshtagh Farokhi of the UT Health San Antonio Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, and Dr. Suhaib Haq from the El Bari Community Health Center have been awarded one of this year's IIMS Community Engagement Small Project Grants on the study "Exploring Dental Practitioners and the South Texas Community Members Attitudes and Behaviors Towards Smokeless Tobacco Use and its Cessation Practices." Stay tuned to see how you can be involved in this exciting study—compensation will be provided! Clarisse, who was a previous intern, has joined our team as a Coordinator! Welcome to the team Clarisse and we all look forward to working with you this year.

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April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month

UT Health School of Dentistry along with the Oral Cancer Foundation are hosting a San Antonio Oral Cancer Fundraiser and Walk on April 23rd! You can register or donate to the event using this link here: Register or Donate Here. We hope you'll come out for this great cause.

Quick-Poll:

In honor of Oral Cancer Awareness month, we wanted to launch a quick-poll in our network! Oral cancer can be described as a growth or lesion present on the gums, tissue lining the mouth, tongue, and areas of the throat in many clinical representations. It can be difficult to assess because not every lesion in the mouth is due to malignancy. Early detection of oral cancer is the key to substantially decrease mortality and morbidity. Dental practitioners are firsthand responders for detecting oral cancer and conduct oral cancer screenings annually. The aim of this 6 question poll is to assess practitioners' knowledge and comfort level of managing oral cancer.

Please click the link for the anonymous poll: Oral Cancer Quick-Poll

STUDY UPDATES

Incision & Drainage Survey Study

Don't miss out! Dr. Rahma Mungia and Dr. Sowmya Renuka of the UT Health San Antonio South Texas Oral Health Network are continuing their research survey (HSC20210840EX) to assess knowledge, attitudes, and practices of clinically active general dentists in effectively managing acute abscess conditions using incision and drainage procedures and are asking for your participation.

The study is still open! If you'd like to complete this survey, go to https://redcap.uthscsa.edu/REDCap/surveys/?s=JPYJ8379XJPWELWW. You can save and complete the survey at a later time if you are not able to do so in one sitting. It should take no more than 10-15 minutes. If you've already completed the survey, please share it with others!



PREVENTABLE

Pragmatic Evaluation of evENTs And Benefits of Lipid-lowering in older adults

PREVENTABLE Study

The PREVENTABLE Study is a national patient research study. The purpose is to learn if taking a statin could help older adults live well for longer by preventing dementia, disability, or heart disease. A statin is a commonly used drug to lower cholesterol. Dr. Sara Espinoza from the Senior Health Research Alliance (SHARE) PBRN is on the study team and has asked if STOHN practitioners would be interested, in learning more about this study to assist with finding patients who may qualify for the study. If there is enough interest, Dr. Espinoza will give a brief presentation on the study and what your role would be as well as answer any questions. You can also visit the study's page to learn more. https://www.preventabletrial.org/home.cfm

Interested in being part of this study for older adults? Tell us here and we will let Dr. Espinoza know to schedule!

FREE CE COURSES

A Guide to Clinical Differential Diagnosis of Oral Mucosal Lesions

- CE Credits: 4 Hours
Intended Audience: Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Dental Students, Dental Hygiene Students, Dental Assistant Students

Course link: https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/professional-education/ce-courses/ce110

A Clinician's Guide to Clinical Endodontics

- CE Credits: 2 Hours
Intended Audience: Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Dental Students, Dental Hygiene Students, Dental Assistant Students

Course Link: https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/professional-education/ce-courses/ce562

A String around Your Finger: Do We Really Need to Floss?

- CE Credits: 1 Hour
Intended Audience: Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Dental Students, Dental Hygiene Students, Dental Assistant Students

Course Link: https://www.dentalcare.com/en-us/professional-education/ce-courses/ce550

Upcoming Events

STOHN Annual Meeting Planning, TBD—December 2022

We are starting to plan our STOHN Annual Meeting for 2022! Have a topic you'd like to be discussed? Go to https://redcap.link/17wxeuza and tell us!

See the Dental ECHO Sessions of 2022

Session 6: January 20, 2022 Recording

Presenter: Virginia G. Carrillo BSDH, M.Ed.

Topic: American Academy of Periodontics (AAP) 2018 Classification Made Easier

Link to Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhER7IXC-II

Session 7: March 17, 2022 Recording

Presenter: Brian Mealey, DDS, MS

Topic: Managing the Diabetes Patient in the Dental Office

Link to Recording: https://youtu.be/xNcfeOpAxxk

Session Recordings, Slides, and Handouts are linked here: https://wp.uthscsa.edu/echo/dent/

Recruitment

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.

Interested in becoming more involved with local, practice-based research? Let us know and we'll connect!