Introduction

The South Texas Oral Health Network (STOHN) was established through the Clinical Translational Science Award funded by the National Institutes of Health in May 2008.

STOHN…

• is dedicated to improving quality care by conducting oral health studies on topics of interest and importance to local dental practitioners and their practices;
• provides an opportunity for community dental practitioners to participate in cutting-edge research to improve health outcomes for patients;
• offers its members the potential to gain valuable insights into many aspects of clinical practice that cannot be easily understood through more traditional academic research settings;
• and strives to incorporate the goals of the community into the goals of its research.

STOHN’s 59 members are located in the 12 cities indicated above.

Recruitment and Development

Recruitment of dental practitioners is done through mailers, Texas State dental meetings, dental district society meetings, the network website and existing network members.

Research topic idea generation to data collection to data analysis takes 6-12 months.

STOHN has 5 active board members who aid study development: Jamie Bone, DDS, Jennifer Bone, DDS, Cheryl Davis, DDS, Peggy Alexander, DDS, and Kevin Donly, DDS

Publications


Conclusion

STOHN provides a centralized university-based infrastructure, link to research resources, and an engine to move forward research projects of direct relevance to dental practitioners in the community.