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Community Research for Oral Wellness Network

Study Recruitments Continue

Patient Survey on Oral-Systemic Health; Patient Survey on Office Retention

Two of our dental students (Matt Ellingson and Scott Fleming) who developed and administered patient surveys in 12 offices this past summer, both had their abstracts accepted at the International Association for Dental Research meetings and will be presenting those results in Miami in April. (Being a dental student is tough, but somebody has to do it.)

We are still recruiting offices to administer these surveys (one or

both) over the next 3-4 weeks to increase the sample size. Because the students are in class, we can send a research assistant to your office for 1-2 days to administer the surveys; or perhaps your front desk staff could hand out the surveys and encourage (adult) patients to complete them. The surveys are anonymous and short. We would appreciate 10-15 surveys per office – that could include parents waiting for younger patients. Rural offices would be especially appreciated.

Salivary Protein Study

We are also looking for 2 addi-

tional offices to participate in the salivary protein study. This involves a short data collection form with clinical measures and collecting a saliva sample from patients 12yrs and older. (We anticipate approval to include patients 8-11yo very soon.) We are especially in need of patients over 50. Offices receive \$20 per completed patient; patients receive a \$10 gift card. The study requires an evening of training here at Case.

For either study, please contact Catherine Demko at crown@case.edu; call, 216-368-8804 or fax, 216-368-5888. THANK YOU!

New Patient Adherence Grant Application:

TRIAD, Translating Intentions into Actions in Dentistry

We are submitting a small grant proposal on the topic of patient compliance. Patients' adherence to optimal oral hygiene regimens remains a key factor in the prevention of both caries and periodontitis (as you well know). How and why patients are motivated to comply with prevention-focused self-care protocols and their attitudes regarding oral health and barriers in the environment/daily life that interfere with adherence intentions are topics that are just being rigorously addressed in oral health. This application will be focused on moderate and high risk patients (adolescents through adults; caries or periodontal disease) and their adherence with at-home regimens. For example, we are interested in adherence with the more complex regimens recommended by the Caries Management by Risk Assessment (CAMBRA) protocols; or at-home protocols for diabetics and smokers who are at higher risk for periodontal disease.

This work will center on communicating with patients about home-care protocols, identifying moderate/high risk patients to complete several follow-up surveys (so this won't be anonymous), and completion of a discussion topic checklist by the provider. This would be an appropriate study for either dentist or hygienist visits. **This is a small patient-centered, complementary piece to the larger grant that was just submitted. It is important to have many offices, but fewer patients per office, so the commitment is very reasonable at the office level. If you would be interested, we are again requesting letters of support for the application.**

Even before we receive funding for this study, we are prepared to begin a pilot of the methods and surveys. We can offer a small incentive to the offices, at \$10 per enrolled patient and \$10 to the patient for completing the follow-up surveys. Please contact us if you are willing to provide a letter of support or participating in the initial pilot study.

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Please use this back page to fax us with your comments or interest in participating or learning more about the available study opportunities.

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I am interested in participating in the Saliva Study.

I am interested in participating in the Patient Surveys.

I would provide a letter of support for the TRIAD study.

Contact me about participating in the pilot study for TRIAD.

PLEASE provide phone contact information to arrange for surveys or letter.