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**DPBRN 17: Peri-operative Pain and Root Canal Therapy** 

**Results: Overall and by Region** 

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Table 1: Practitioners, Patients and Patient Visits by DPBRN Region

	AL	./MS	FL/	GA	M	N	Р	DA		SK	ТО	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Practitioners	10	16.1	14	22.6	26	41.9	5	8.1	7	11.3	62	100.0
Patients	98	13.8	131	18.5	390	55.1	36	5.1	53	7.5	708	100.0
Number of visits r	equired t	to compl	ete obti	uration								
One Visit	68	69.4	101	77.1	355	91.0	21	58.3	14	26.4	559	79.0
Two Visits	29	29.6	29	22.1	35	9.0	15	41.7	35	66.0	143	20.2
Three Visits	1	1.0	1	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	7.6	6	0.8

The report is based on data received from 62 practitioners, a total of 708 patients, with 559 patients requiring one visit, 143 patients requiring two visits and 6 patients requiring three visits in order to complete obturation.

Data collection began for this study January, 2010 and ended November, 2010.

# **Dentist Survey - Before Treatment (Diagnosis)**

1. Which tooth is to be treated with a root canal? (Universal numbering system: 01- 32)

Table 2: Tooth position\* by DPBRN region

	AL/	MS	FL/	GA	N	ΛN	F	PDA		SK	TC	TAL
<b>Tooth Position</b>	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<u>Anteriors</u>												
Maxillary	10	10.2	15	11.5	25	6.4	4	11.1	1	1.9	55	7.8
Mandibular	3	3.1	4	3.1	11	2.8	1	2.8	1	1.9	20	2.8
<u>Premolars</u>												
Maxillary	24	24.5	31	23.7	66	16.9	5	13.9	11	20.8	137	19.4
Mandibular	9	9.2	13	9.9	36	9.2	1	2.8	1	1.9	60	8.5
First	12	12.2	19	14.5	29	7.4	4	11.1	5	9.4	69	9.8
Second	21	21.4	25	19.1	73	18.7	2	5.6	7	13.2	128	18.1
<u>Molars</u>												
Maxillary	28	28.6	38	29.0	124	31.8	17	47.2	18	34.0	225	31.8
Mandibular	23	23.5	30	22.9	128	32.8	8	22.2	20	37.7	209	29.5
First	26	26.5	41	31.3	148	38.0	19	52.8	22	41.5	256	36.2
Second	24	24.5	27	20.6	101	25.9	6	16.7	16	30.2	174	24.6
Third												

<sup>\*</sup>Classification according to US Tooth numbers:

Anterior: maxillary (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11), mandibular (22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27)

Premolar (4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 29), Molar (1-3, 14-16, 17-19, 30-32)

Premolar: maxillary (4-5, 12-13), mandibular (20-21, 28-29), 1<sup>st</sup> (5, 12, 21, 28), 2<sup>nd</sup> (4, 13, 20, 29)

Molar: maxillary (1-3,14-16), mandibular (17-19,30-32), 1<sup>st</sup> (3,14,19,30), 2<sup>nd</sup> (2,15,18,31), 3<sup>rd</sup> (1,16,17,32)

2.	Does th a.   b.	e tooth e Yes No	exhibit	a radiolud	cency of e	endodont	ic origi	in (perira	dicular	or apical)	)?	
Table	Q2: Tootl	h exhibits	radiolu	cency by D	PBRN reg	ion						
	AL	/MS	FL	/GA	ΙM	V	Р	DA	9	SK	тот	AL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Does		exhibit a		cency of e				•	cal)?			
Yes	37	37.8	55	42.3	166	42.8	20	60.6	24	46.2	302	43.1
No	61	62.2	75	57.7	222	57.2	13	39.4	28	53.9	399	56.9
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Was t	the tooth	-		-	IN	70	N	70	IN	70	N	70
Yes	64	65.3	88 88	67.2	250	64.1	25	71.4	33	62.3	460	65.1
No	34	34.7	43	32.8	140	35.9	10	28.6	20	37.7	247	34.9
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Table				pressure l	-							
		/MS		/GA	1M			DA		SK	ТОТ	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	the tooth				200	<b>5</b> 0.0	4.5	45.5	27	<b>500</b>	422	<b>5</b> 0.0
Yes	63 25	64.3	84	64.1	233	59.9	16	45.7	27	50.9	423	59.9
No	35	35.7	47	35.9	156	40.1	19	54.3	26	49.1	283	40.1
•				ported ther at 46%		as tende	er to bit	ting press	sure in	about 60	% of pati	ents wi

5.	Did the t a. b.	cooth res Yes No	spond to	o cold tes	sting (if <b>n</b>	<b>io</b> , skip t	to ques	tion 7)?				
Table	Q5: Tooth											
	AL/I	MS %	FL/		M	N %		DA %		SK %	TOT	AL %
Did +b	N a taath ra	-	N sold tos	% ting?	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	<u></u> %
Yes	e tooth res	52.6	45	35.7	181	46.5	15	44.1	30	56.6	322	46.1
No	46	47.4	81	64.3	208	53.5	19	55.9	23	43.4	377	53.9
	Was the a. b.	Yes No				·		·				
lable	Q6: Respo AL/I		old testin FL/		ged compa			DA		e <b>gion</b> SK	TOT	 АI
	N,	%	N =,	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Was tl	he respons	se to colo	testing	prolonge	d compare	d to adja	cent tee	eth?				
Yes	45	56.3	38	41.3	137	58.8	12	80.0	20	39.2	252	53.5
No	35	43.8	54	58.7	96	41.2	3	20.0	31	60.8	219	46.5
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Table	Q7: Greate	est probi			-							
			AL/N		FL/		MN	J	PDA	SK	Т	OTAL
	was the gr	eatest p	_	•			2.0		4.3	2.5		2.5
Mea			2.9		3.		3.6		4.2	3.5		3.5
(SD)	)		0.9	1	1.	۷	1.5	)	1.8	1.3		1.4
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8.	What was	the l	ocation	of this	greatest	probing	depth?
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- b. Distal
- c. 

  Buccal
- d. Lingual

Table Q8: Location of the greatest probing depth by DPBRN region

	AL	_/MS	FL	./GA	M	1N	P	DA		SK	ТО	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
What was the location of this greate	st probing de	epth?										
Mesial only	30	30.6	24	18.5	134	37.6	12	34.3	13	24.5	213	31.7
Distal only	47	48.0	27	20.8	133	37.4	10	28.6	17	32.1	234	34.8
Buccal only	4	4.1	14	10.8	19	5.3	1	2.9	3	5.7	41	6.1
Lingual only	4	4.1	17	13.1	6	1.7	0	0.0	2	3.8	29	4.3
Mesial, distal	1	1.0	28	21.4	38	10.7	8	22.9	5	9.4	79	11.9
Mesial, buccal	0	0.0	3	2.3	4	1.1	2	5.7	1	1.9	10	1.5
Mesial, lingual	0	0.0	2	1.5	5	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	1.0
Distal, buccal	1	1.0	2	1.5	2	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.7
Distal, lingual	0	0.0	2	1.5	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.5
Buccal, lingual	1	1.0	1	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.3
Mesial, distal, buccal	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2
Mesial, distal, lingual	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3	1	2.9	0	0.0	2	0.3
Mesial, buccal, lingual	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2
Mesial, distal, buccal, lingual	10	10.2	11	8.5	11	3.1	1	2.9	12	22.6	45	6.7

- The greatest probing depth involved only one surface for the majority of patients with mesial or distal surfaces being the most common at about 32% and about 35%, respectively.
- Overall, about seven percent of patients had an equally great probing depth on all four tooth surfaces listed.

# **Dentist Survey - Post-Treatment**

Please answer these questions after completing treatment for the day.

- 1. Was bleeding present within the pulp chamber?
  - a. ☐ Yes
  - b. No

Table Q1: Bleeding present within pulp chamber by DPBRN region and patient visits

	Al	L/MS	FL/	′GA	N	ΛN	PE	)A		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Was ble	eding p	resent with	nin the p	ulp chamb	er? (First	t Visit)						
Yes	57	58.2	62	47.3	197	50.5	16	44.4	28	52.8	360	50.9
No	41	41.8	69	52.7	193	49.5	20	55.6	25	47.2	348	49.2
Was ble	eding p	resent with	nin the p	ulp chamb	er? (Seco	ond Visit)						
Yes	1	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	6.7	6	15.4	8	5.4
No	29	96.7	29	100.0	35	100.0	14	93.3	33	84.6	140	94.6
Was ble	eding p	resent with	nin the p	ulp chamb	er? (Thir	d Visit)						
Yes	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0
No	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0

• Bleeding within the pulp chamber was present for about 51% of the patients seen on the first visit. Among patients who had a second visit, only 5% had bleeding within the pulp chamber.

2.	What procedures were	e performed	during t	this appointmer	nt? (mark	call that a	apply)
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- a. Pulpectomy and/or debridement of canal contents
- b. 

  Cleaning and shaping
- c. Dbturation

Table Q2: Procedures performed during appointment by DPBRN region and patient visits

	А	L/MS	FL	./GA	Ν	1N	Р	DA		SK	TC	DTAL
	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%
What procedures were performed	durin	g this ap	point	ment? (I	Mark a	ill that	apply)	(First V	isit)			
Pulpectomy - debridement	98	100.0	106	80.9	368	94.4	35	97.2	48	90.6	655	92.5
Cleaning and shaping	84	85.7	123	93.9	363	93.1	23	63.9	46	86.8	639	90.3
Obturation	67	68.4	104	79.4	356	91.3	21	58.3	15	28.3	563	79.5
What procedures were performed	durin	g this ap	point	ment? (I	Mark a	ıll that	apply)	(Second	l Visi	t)		
Pulpectomy - debridement	1	3.5	1	3.6	5	14.7	1	7.7	6	15.4	14	9.8
Cleaning and shaping	20	66.7	23	76.7	27	77.1	11	84.6	26	66.7	107	72.8
Obturation	28	93.3	29	96.7	34	97.1	15	100.0	36	92.3	142	95.3
What procedures were performed	durin	g this ap	point	ment? (I	Mark a	ill that	apply)	(Third \	/isit)			
Pulpectomy - debridement	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	25.0	1	16.7
Cleaning and shaping	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0
Obturation	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0

- On the first appointment, pulpectomy was the most common procedure performed at about 93% with about 80% of patients having obturation completed at this visit.
- The majority of patients (95%) who required a second appointment completed obturation at this visit, with cleaning and shaping the most common procedures performed at about 73%.
- Less than one percent of patients needed a third visit to complete obturation.

3. Did any of the following occur during treatment? (mark all that apply)
a. Perforation (opening from chamber or root into bone)
b. One or more canals not negotiable within 2mm of radiographic apex
c. Inability to complete treatment due to discomfort during treatment
d. Separation of instrument in canal space
e. Inadvertent filing or file placement past the root apex
f. None of the above

Table Q3: Occurrences during treatment by DPBRN region and patient visits

	Α	L/MS	FL	/GA	N	1N	Р	DA		SK	ТО	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Ν	%
Did any of the following occur during	treatn	nent? (N	lark all	that app	oly) (Fi	rst Visit	t)					
Perforation	0	0.0	1	0.8	4	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.7
Canals not negotiable	2	2.0	1	0.8	25	6.5	1	2.8	5	9.6	34	4.8
Inability to complete tx	0	0.0	1	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1
Separation of instrument	0	0.0	1	0.8	7	1.8	0	0.0	2	3.9	10	1.4
Inadvertent filing	4	4.1	2	1.5	13	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	19	2.7
None of the above	92	93.9	125	95.4	340	87.9	35	97.2	45	84.9	637	90.4
Did any of the following occur during	treatn	nent? (N	lark all	that app	oly) (Se	cond V	isit)					
Perforation	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	5.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.4
Canals not negotiable	2	6.7	0	0.0	2	5.7	0	0.0	2	5.1	6	4.2
Inability to complete tx	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Separation of instrument	0	0.0	3	10.7	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	2.8
Inadvertent filing	1	3.5	0	0.0	3	8.6	0	0.0	1	2.6	5	3.5
None of the above	27	93.1	26	89.7	27	77.1	14	100.0	36	92.3	130	89.0
Did any of the following occur during	treatn	nent? (N	lark all	that app	oly) (Th	ird Vis	it)					
Perforation	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0
Canals not negotiable	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	16.7	1	16.7
Inability to complete tx	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0
Separation of instrument	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0
Inadvertent filing	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0
None of the above	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	0.8	5	83.3

- The majority of participants selected "none of the above" occurrences for all three patient visits: 90% (first visit), 89% (second visit), and 83% (third visit).
- The most common issue that occurred during treatment was "canals not negotiable," regardless of first, second or third visits (about 5%, 4%, and about 17%, respectively).

4.	In your opinion, was this procedure significantly more difficult than the typical root canal therapies
	you perform in your practice?
	- N

a. ∐ Yes b. □ No

Table Q4: Procedure more difficult than typical root canal therapies by DPBRN region and patient visits

	AL	./MS	FL/	/GA	М	N	PE	DΑ	,	SK	ТОТ	AL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
In your	opinion, v	was this pro	ocedure s	ignificantly	more dif	ficult tha	n the typ	ical root	canal t	herapies y	ou perfo	orm
in your <sub>l</sub>	practice?	(First Visit)										
Yes	12	12.2	14	10.7	47	12.1	13	36.1	6	11.3	92	13.0
No	86	87.8	117	89.3	343	88.0	23	63.9	47	88.7	616	87.0
In your	opinion, v	was this pro	ocedure s	ignificantly	more dif	ficult tha	n the typ	ical root	canal t	herapies y	ou perfo	rm
in your إ	practice?	(Second Vi	sit)									
Yes	4	13.3	7	23.3	9	25.7	1	6.7	10	25.6	31	20.8
No	26	86.7	23	76.7	26	74.3	14	93.3	29	74.4	118	79.2
In your	opinion, v	was this pro	ocedure s	ignificantly	more dif	ficult tha	n the typ	ical root	canal t	herapies y	ou perfo	rm
in your <sub>ا</sub>	practice?	(Third Visit	:)									
Yes	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	75.0	3	50.0
No	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	25.0	3	50.0

- For the first visit, the procedure was not considered to be more difficult than typical root canals for the majority of practitioners. For those reporting "significantly more difficult," PDA had the highest percentage of patients (36%) out of all regions.
- Overall, most of the practitioners that indicated a second visit was required considered the procedure typical of root canal therapies in 79% of their patients.
- For the few patients requiring a third visit, only the SK region indicated that the procedure was significantly more difficult than usual occurring in 75% of their patients.

Table Q5: Impression about quality of the anesthesia by DPBRN region and patient visits

	Al	L/MS	ı	FL/GA	Ν	1N	F	PDA		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
During the root canal proc	edure, what	was you	r imp	ression ab	out the	quality	of th	e local	anes	thesia? (M	ark all t	hat
apply) (First Visit)												
Excellent	74	75.5	93	71.0	261	66.9	23	63.9	19	41.3	470	67.1
Adequate	16	16.3	17	13.0	73	18.7	7	19.4	15	32.6	128	18.3
Marginal	7	7.1	19	14.5	56	14.4	5	13.9	10	21.7	97	13.8
Less than marginal	1	1.0	2	1.5	0	0.0	1	2.8	2	4.4	6	0.9
During the root canal proc	edure, what	was you	r imp	ression ab	out the	quality	of th	e local	anes	thesia? (M	ark all t	hat
apply) (Second Visit)												
Excellent	20	66.7	21	70.0	26	74.3	11	73.3	13	46.4	91	65.9
Adequate	9	30.0	6	20.0	6	17.1	1	6.7	8	28.6	30	21.7
Marginal	1	3.3	3	10.0	3	8.6	3	20.0	6	21.4	16	11.6
Less than marginal	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	3.6	1	0.7
During the root canal proc	edure, what	was you	r imp	ression ab	out the	quality	of th	e local	anes	thesia? (M	ark all t	hat
apply) (Third Visit)												
Excellent	1	100.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	4	100.0
Adequate	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Marginal	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Less than marginal	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

- For the first visit, practitioners considered anesthesia quality to be either excellent or adequate for 85% of their patients with SK reporting the lowest proportion of excellent/adequate quality of anesthesia, about 74% of their patients.
- For the second visit, overall proportions of impressions for anesthesia quality were similar to first visit reports, with the SK region again reporting the lowest percentage of excellent or adequate anesthesia of any region.
- All practitioners who recorded any patients needing a third visit described the quality of anesthesia as excellent for that visit.

6.	Was there a draining sinus tract (fistula) associated with this tooth?
	a. 🗌 Yes
	h 🗆 No

Table Q6: Draining sinus tract by DPBRN region and patient visits

	AL	/MS	FL/	GA	М	N		PDA		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	N %		N	%	N %		Ν	%	N	%
Was the	re a drai	ning sinus	tract (fist	:ula) associ	ated wi	th this to	oth? (	First Visit)				
Yes	6	6.1	11	8.4	36	9.6	3	8.3	2	3.9	58	8.4
Was the	re a drai	ning sinus	tract (fist	:ula) associ	ated wit	th this to	oth? (	Second Visi	t)			
Yes	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.9	0	0.0	2	5.1	3	2.0
Was the	re a drai	ning sinus	tract (fist	:ula) associ	ated wit	th this to	oth? (	Third Visit)				
Yes	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

- For the first visit, a draining sinus tract associated with the tooth was present only 8% of the time overall, with SK reporting the lowest at about 4%.
- MN (about 3%) and SK (5%) were the only regions reporting a draining sinus tract associated with the tooth on the second visit.
- No draining sinus tracts associated with the tooth were reported on the third visit.

7	Did you	identify	swelling	associated	with	this	tooth?
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- a. Yes
- b. 🔲 No

Table Q7: Swelling identified by DPBRN region and patient visits

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	AL	_/MS	FL/GA		MN		PDA		SK		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%
Did you	identify	swelling a	ssociated	d with this	tooth? (	First Visit)						
Yes	7	7.1	22	16.8	29	7.7	3	8.3	5	9.6	66	9.5
Did you	identify	swelling a	ssociated	d with this	tooth? (	Second Vis	it)					
Yes	0	0.0	3	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	10.3	7	4.7
Did you	identify	swelling a	ssociated	d with this	tooth? (	Third Visit	)					
No	1	100.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0	6	100.0

- Overall participants reported swelling associated with the tooth at the first visit in about 10% of patients with the FL/GA region being slightly higher than other regions at about 17% of their patients.
- For the second visit, only FL/GA and SK regions reported patients having swelling associated with the tooth at 10% each with an overall total of about 5%.
- There was no swelling associated with the tooth reported on the third visit.

8.	Were any of the following necessary to obtain adequate anesthesia to perform treatment? (mark all
	that apply)
	a. $\square$ Second injection of the same type into the same location
	b.   Second injection of the same type into a slightly different location
	c. Block anesthesia technique different from previously provided (e.g., Gow-Gates or PSA)
	d. 🗌 Periodontal ligament (PDL) injection
	e. 🔲 Intraosseous injection other than PDL (e.g., Stabident or X-tip)
	f. 🗌 Intrapulpal injection
	g.  None of the above

Table Q8: Procedures necessary to obtain anesthesia by DPBRN region and patient visits

	AL/MS FL/GA		L/GA	N	1N	PI	DA		SK	TC	DTAL	
	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Were any of the following nece	essary	y to obta	in ac	lequate	anesth	esia to	perfo	rm tre	atme	nt? (Ma	rk	
all that apply) (First Visit)												
2nd injection same location	43	43.9	24	18.3	18	4.6	5	13.9	6	11.8	96	13.6
2nd injection diff location	14	14.3	11	8.4	18	4.6	4	11.1	7	14.0	54	7.7
Block anesthesia	2	2.0	1	0.8	3	0.8	0	0.0	1	2.0	7	1.0
PDL injection	11	11.2	6	4.6	38	9.8	3	8.3	3	6.0	61	8.7
Intraosseous injection	1	1.0	0	0.0	9	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	1.4
Intrapulpal injection	16	16.3	22	16.8	60	15.4	7	19.4	5	10.0	110	15.6
None of the above	38	38.8	85	64.9	285	73.3	23	63.9	35	70.0	466	66.2
Were any of the following nece	essary	y to obta	in ac	lequate	anesth	esia to	perfo	rm tre	atme	nt? (Ma	rk	
all that apply) (Second Visit)												
2nd injection same location	2	6.9	0	0.0	1	2.9	2	15.4	1	2.7	6	4.2
2nd injection diff location	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.9	3	23.1	1	2.7	5	3.5
Block anesthesia	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
PDL injection	0	0.0	1	3.5	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.4
Intraosseous injection	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Intrapulpal injection	0	0.0	2	6.9	1	2.9	0	0.0	2	5.4	5	3.5
None of the above	None of the above 28 93.3 28 93.3 32 91.4 12 80.0 35 89.7 135 90.6											90.6
Were any of the following nece	essary	y to obta	in ac	lequate	anesth	esia to	perfo	rm tre	atme	nt? (Ma	rk	
all that apply) (Third Visit)												
None of the above	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0

- The majority of participants selected "none of the above" occurrences for all three visits: 66% of patients (first visit), about 91% of patients (second visit), and 100% of patients (third visit).
- For the first visit, intrapulpal injection and second injection same location were the most common procedures (16% and 14%, respectively). For the second visit, second injection of the same type into the same location was the most common procedure at 4%.
- Overall, the least common procedures performed for the first visit were block anesthesia (1.0%) and intraosseous injection (1.4%).

9. In your opinion, what is the likelihood that persistent pain will be present in 6 months' time? (mark one)
a. Not likely (<0.1%)</li>
b. Slightly likely (0.1-1%)
c. Moderately likely (1-5%)

Table Q9: Likelihood pain will be present in 6 months by DPBRN region and patient visits

d.  $\square$  Highly likely (>5%)

	A	L/MS	FL,	/GA	N	IN	P	)A		SK	TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
In your opinion, wha	at is the lik	elihood th	nat persi	istent paiı	n will be	present	t in 6 m	onths' ti	me? (	Mark on	e) (Firs	t Visit)
Not likely	78	79.6	100	76.3	245	63.0	28	77.8	32	60.4	483	68.3
Slightly likely	17	17.4	26	19.9	97	24.9	5	13.9	11	20.8	156	22.1
Mod. likely	3	3.1	4	3.1	42	10.8	3	8.3	9	17.0	61	8.6
Highly likely	0	0.0	1	0.8	5	1.3	0	0.0	1	1.9	7	1.0
In your opinion, wha	at is the lik	elihood th	nat persi	istent pair	n will be	present	t in 6 m	onths' ti	me? (	Mark on	e) (Sec	ond
Visit)												
Not likely	18	60.0	16	53.3	22	62.9	13	86.7	22	56.4	91	61.1
Slightly likely	8	26.7	11	36.7	10	28.6	2	13.3	9	23.1	40	26.9
Mod. likely	3	10.0	3	10.0	3	8.6	0	0.0	7	18.0	16	10.7
Highly likely	1	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.6	2	1.3
In your opinion, wha	at is the lik	elihood th	nat persi	istent pair	n will be	present	t in 6 m	onths' ti	me? (	Mark or	e) (Thir	d
Visit)												
Not likely	1	100.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	1	16.7
Slightly likely	0	0.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	50.0	3	50.0
Mod. likely	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	50.0	2	33.3
Highly likely	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0

• The majority of practitioners felt that the likelihood of persistent pain was either unlikely or slightly likely for 90% of their patients (first visit), 88% of their patients (second visit) and about 67% of their patients (third visit). Practitioners felt that there was a high likelihood of persistent pain after the first and second visits for only 1% of their patients.

10. Do you think the patient may	have been feigning	g pain to obtain a	narcotic prescription?	(mark one)
a. 🗌 No				
b. 🗌 Possibly				
c. 🗌 Yes				

Table Q10: Patient feigning pain for narcotic prescription by DPBRN region

	Al	L/MS	FL	/GA	Λ	1N	Pl	DA		SK	TC	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	N	%
Do you think	the pation	ent may h	ave bee	n feigning	g pain to	obtain a	narcotic	prescript	ion? (	(mark one)	(First \	/isit)
No	98	100.0	131	100.0	385	98.7	36	100.0	52	98.1	702	99.2
Possibly	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	1.3	0	0.0	1	1.9	6	0.9
Yes	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Do you think	the pation	ent may h	ave bee	n feigning	g pain to	obtain a	narcotic	prescript	ion? (	(mark one)	(Secon	d Visit)
No	30	100.0	30	100.0	35	100.0	15	100.0	39	100.0	149	100.0
Possibly	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Yes	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Do you think	the pation	ent may h	ave bee	n feigning	g pain to	obtain a	narcotic	prescript	ion? (	(mark one)	(Third	Visit)
No	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0
Possibly	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0
Yes	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0

<sup>•</sup> On the first visit, the vast majority of practitioners (99%) felt that the patient was not feigning pain to obtain a narcotic, with confidence increasing to 100% at the second and third visits.

11. Was the tooth obturated and the RCT completed today?

a. Yes

Table Q11: Tooth obturated and RCT completed today and patient visits

	Al	L/MS	FL/	'GA	N	ΛN	PDA		SK		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Was the tooth obturated and the RCT completed today? (First Visit)												
Yes	68	69.4	101	77.1	355	91.0	21	58.3	14	26.4	559	79.0
No	30	30.6	30	22.9	35	9.0	15	41.7	39	73.6	149	21.1
Was the	e tooth	obturated	and the	RCT comp	leted to	day? (Seco	nd Visit)					
Yes	29	96.7	29	96.7	35	100.0	15	100.0	35	10.3	143	96.0
No	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	66.7	6	4.0
Was the	e tooth	obturated	and the	RCT comp	leted to	day? (Third	l Visit)					
Yes	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0
No	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0

<sup>•</sup> Overall, the RCT procedure was completed for 79% of the patients on the first visit, 96% of remaining patients on the second visit, and all remaining patients on the third.

12. W	as a per a. b.	manent r Yes No	estorat	tion plac	ed in th	e access	?					
Table Q1	2: Perma	nent resto	ration <sub>l</sub>	olaced in	the acces	ss by DPB	RN reg	gion and pa	tient vis	iits		
	AL	/MS	F	L/GA		MN		PDA		SK	TOT	<del>———</del> ГАL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	٧ %	N	%	N	%
Was a pe	rmanent	restoratio	n place	d in the a	ccess? (F	irst Visit)						
Yes	21	21.4	33	25.	2 14	9 39	.6 1	12 33.3	8	15.1	223	32.1
Was a pe	rmanent	restoration	n place	d in the a	ccess? (S	Second Vi	sit)					
Yes	4	13.3	18	60.	0 2	0 57	.1	7 46.7	27	69.2	76	51.0
Was a pe	rmanent	restoration	n place	d in the a	ccess? (1	Third Visit	)					
Yes	0	0.0	1	100.	0 N/	A N/	A N	/A N/A	3	75.0	4	66.7
th 13. Di ar	<ul> <li>Overall, a permanent restoration was placed in the access on 32% of the patients on the first visit, 51% of remaining patients on the second visit, and 67% on the remaining patients who required a third visit.</li> <li>13. Did the treatment have to be stopped because the tooth was not amenable to RCT (e.g., required an extraction)?  <ul> <li>a Yes</li> <li>b No</li> </ul> </li> <li>Table Q13: Treatment stopped because tooth was not amenable to RCT by DPBRN region and patient visits</li> </ul>											
	AL/M		FL/G			1N		PDA		SK		TAL
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(First Vis		nave to b	e stopp	eu becau	se the to	oun was i	iot aii	enable to R	Cir (e.	g., required	ı an extra	ictionj
•	-	100.0	131	100.0	376	100.0	36	100.0	53	100.0	694	100.0
								enable to R				
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No	•	100.0	30	100.0	35	100.0	15	100.0	39	100.0	149	100.0
								enable to R				
(Third Vi			•						• •	- ·		-
No	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0
• Fc	or all three	e visits, no	treatm	ent had to	be stop	ped beca	use the	e tooth was	not am	enable to R	RCT.	

# **Patient Survey — Before Treatment**

b. 🗌 A lit c. 🔲 Quit	at all	·	appoi	ntment?								
Table Q1: Patient fearfu	ul about	t appoint	ment k	y DPBRN	region							
	AL	_/MS	FL	_/GA	М	N	Р	PDA		SK	TOT	AL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Are you fearful about to	_					22.2	4-			20.5		o= o
Not at all	35	36.5	61	46.6	117	30.3	17	47.2	21	39.6	251	35.8
A little	47	49.0	45	34.4	197	51.0	17	47.2	15	28.3	321	45.7
Quite a lot	6	6.3	10	7.6	39	10.1	2	5.6	8	15.1	65	9.3
Very much	8	8.3	15	11.5	33	8.6	0	0.0	9	17.0	65	9.3
the PDA region  2. I feel that the tall the pool of th	treatme y good d	ent outc	ome fo	or my too	oth will	turn out	(marl	k one):				
Table Q2: Patient opini		ıt outcon	ne by D	OPBRN reg	gion							
Table Q2: Patient opini				DPBRN reg	gion Mi	N	P	DA		SK	ТОТ	AL
Table Q2: Patient opini	on abou					N %	P N	DA %	N	SK %	TOT N	AL %
Table Q2: Patient opinion	on abou AL/ N	MS %	FL/	′GA %	MI N	%						
	on abou AL/ N	MS %	FL/	′GA %	MI N	%						
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- 4. Have you taken anything for the pain (over-the-counter or prescription medication, herbal, other) in the last 7 days?
  a. Yes
  b. No
- Table Q4: Pain medication taken by DPBRN region

	AL,	/MS	FL,	/GA	MI	N	Р	DA	9	SK	TOT	AL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Have you	taken an	ything for	the pai	n (over-the	-counter	or prescri <sub>l</sub>	ption me	edication,	herbal,	other) in th	ne last 7 d	ays?
Yes	59	60.8	76	58.0	239	64.1	14	38.9	29	54.7	417	60.4

- Overall, the majority of patients (60%) had taken something for pain with the lowest proportion of pain medication reported by patients in the PDA region (about 39%).
- 5. Pain quality (mark all that apply)
  - a.  $\square$  none
  - b. dull
  - c. sharp
  - d. aching
  - e. throbbing
  - f. burning
  - g. shooting
  - h. electric

Table Q5: Pain quality by DPBRN region

	AL,	/MS	FL	/GA	М	N	Р	DA		SK	ТОТ	AL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Pain quality (mark	all that app	ly)										
none	7	8.3	5	5.3	22	6.6	0	0.0	2	5.3	36	6.3
dull	14	16.7	33	34.7	116	34.8	11	57.9	4	10.5	178	31.3
sharp	26	31.0	33	34.7	117	35.1	4	21.1	8	21.1	188	33.0
aching	38	45.2	44	46.3	178	53.5	12	63.2	14	36.8	286	50.3
throbbing	41	48.8	43	45.3	159	47.8	8	42.1	11	29.0	262	46.1
burning	3	3.6	2	2.1	11	3.3	1	5.3	4	10.5	21	3.7
shooting	16	19.1	15	15.8	82	24.6	3	15.8	23	60.5	139	24.4
electric	2	2.4	7	7.4	26	7.8	1	5.3	5	13.2	41	7.2

• Overall, pain was most commonly described as aching or throbbing (50% and 46%, respectively). Exceptions were dull pain reported by PDA (58%) shooting pain reported by SK (61%).

- 6. Does this pain? (mark all that apply)
  - a. 

    start all by itself for no known reason (spontaneous)
  - b. 
    start after the tooth is used or irritated (provoked)

Table Q6: When does pain occur by DPBRN region

	AL,	/MS	FL	/GA	М	N	Р	DA		SK	TOT	AL
	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%
Does this pain? (mark a	all that appl	y)										
spontaneous	44	55.0	47	50.5	201	62.4	10	52.6	25	64.1	327	59.1
provoked	43	59.7	60	69.8	202	63.5	14	77.8	16	44.4	335	63.2

- Overall, 59% of patients described the pain as spontaneous and 63% described the pain starting after the tooth was used or irritated; the responses were not mutually exclusive.
- 7. What makes this pain worse? (mark all that apply)
  - a. 

    Nothing, never gets worse
  - b. Nothing, gets worse all by itself
  - c. Biting, chewing
  - d. Cold and/or hot food or drink
  - e. Stress

Table Q7: What makes pain worse by DPBRN region

	AL	/MS	FL	./GA	N	1N	Р	DA		SK	ТО	TAL
	N	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%
What makes this pain worse? (mark al	I that app	ly)										
nothing, never gets worse	9	11.4	5	5.2	18	5.4	1	5.3	4	10.5	37	6.6
nothing, gets worse by itself	22	27.9	30	31.3	118	35.4	6	31.6	12	31.6	188	33.3
biting, chewing	47	59.5	62	65.3	199	59.8	10	52.6	18	47.4	336	59.6
cold/hot food or drink	37	46.8	44	46.3	199	59.8	13	68.4	17	44.7	310	55.0
stress	5	6.3	6	6.3	30	9.0	2	10.5	4	10.5	47	8.3

• The most common reasons selected for "stimuli that makes the pain worse" were biting/chewing (about 60%) and cold/hot food or drink (55%). Stress and the response "never gets worse" were the least common choices for making the pain worse (8% and about 7%, respectively).

Please CIRCLE ONE NUMBER when answering questions #8 - 10 below.

8. How would you rate your tooth pain on a 0 to 10 scale at the <u>present time</u>, that is right now, where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"?

No Pain Pain as bad as could be 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Table Q8: Level of pain at present time by DPBRN region

	•											
	AL	/MS	FL	_/GA	М	N		PDA		SK	TO	ΓAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
How would you rate your	tooth pain	on a 0 t	o 10 s	cale at th	ne prese	nt time,	, that	is right	now,	where 0	is "no pa	ain"
and 10 is "pain as bad as	could be"?											
None (0)	14	18.0	24	25.0	66	20.2	3	15.8	3	8.3	110	19.8
Mild (1-3)	24	30.8	33	34.4	131	40.0	8	42.1	8	22.2	204	36.7
Moderate (4-6)	29	37.2	22	22.9	79	24.2	2	10.5	10	27.8	142	25.5
Severe (7-10)	11	14.1	17	17.7	51	15.6	6	31.6	15	41.7	100	18.0

- Over one-half of patients rated the tooth pain at the present time as either none or mild pain (1 to 3 on a scale of 0 to 10).
- 9. In the past week, how intense was your <u>worst tooth pain</u> rated on a 0 to 10 scale where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"?

No Pain Pain as bad as could be

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Table Q9: Worst tooth pain in the past week by DPBRN region

	AL	./MS	FL	./GA	М	N	Р	DA		SK	TO	ΓAL
	Ν	%	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%
In the past week, how intens	se was y	our wo	rst too	th pain i	rated or	a 0 to 1	LO scal	e where	0 is "	no pain"	and 10	is
"pain as bad as could be"?												
None (0)	5	6.5	4	4.2	18	5.5	0	0.0	1	2.8	28	5.1
Mild (1-3)	12	15.6	19	20.0	33	10.1	6	31.6	3	8.3	73	13.2
Moderate (4-6)	13	16.9	12	12.6	68	20.7	3	15.8	5	13.9	101	18.2
Severe (7-10)	47	61.0	60	63.2	209	63.7	10	52.6	27	75.0	353	63.6

• Approximately 64% of patients rated their worst tooth pain in the past week as severe pain, expressed as a pain rating of at least 7 on a pain scale from 0 to 10.

10. In the past week, <u>on average</u>, how intense was your tooth pain rated on a 0 to 10 scale where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"? (That is, your usual pain at times you were experiencing pain)

No Pain as bad as could be 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Table Q10: Intensity of pain on average in the past week by DPBRN region

			_ •									
	AL	/MS	FL	./GA	М	N	[	PDA		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%
In the past week, on aver	age, how in	tense w	as you	u tooth p	ain rate	d on a C	to 1	0 scale v	vhere	0 is "no <sub> </sub>	pain" an	ıd
10 is "pain as bad as could	d be"? (Tha	t is, you	r usua	l pain at	times y	ou were	ехре	eriencin	g pain)			
None (0)	6	7.6	6	6.3	25	7.6	0	0.0	1	2.8	38	6.8
Mild (1-3)	18	22.8	24	25.0	71	21.5	8	44.5	4	11.1	125	22.4
Moderate (4-6)	21	26.6	32	33.3	128	38.8	4	22.2	15	41.7	200	35.8
Severe (7-10)	34	43.0	34	35.4	106	32.1	6	33.3	16	44.4	196	35.0

• Overall, slightly more than a third of patients reported pain intensity in the moderate (about 36%) and severe (35%) pain ranges.

11. How many days in the past week have you been kept from your usual activities due to pain? (work, school or housework, etc.) days? (If none, please write "0")

Table Q11: Number of days pain interfered with daily activities by DPBRN region

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	AL/MS	FL/GA	MN	PDA	SK	TOTAL
How many days in th	e past week have you been k	ept from your usual	activities due to	pain?		
(work, school, or hou	sework, etc.) (If none, please	e write "0")				
Mean	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5
(SD)	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.2

• Although the majority of patients had reported that they experienced moderate to severe levels of pain intensity, the pain interfered with daily activities in less than 1% of patients surveyed.

#### Please CIRCLE ONE NUMBER when answering questions #12 - 14 below.

12. In the past week, how much has tooth pain interfered with your daily activities rated on a 0 to 10 scale where 0 is "no interference" and 10 is "unable to carry on any activities"?

No interference Unable to carry on any activities  $0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 7 \quad 8 \quad 9 \quad 10$ 

Table Q12: Inability to carry on daily activities due to pain by DPBRN region

	AL	/MS	FL	-/GA	М	N	Р	DA		SK	TO	ΓAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
In the past week, how much	has too	th pain	interf	ered wit	h your d	aily acti	vities	rated or	n a O t	o 10 scal	e where	0 is
"no interference" and 10 is	'unable	to carry	on ar	ny activit	ies"?							
No interference (0)	50	51.6	79	61.7	196	51.0	24	68.6	27	50.9	376	54.0
Little (1-3)	26	26.8	23	18.0	99	25.8	5	14.3	13	24.5	166	23.8
Moderate (4-6)	10	10.3	14	10.9	57	14.8	4	11.4	10	18.9	95	13.6
Major/unable (7-10)	11	11.3	12	9.4	32	8.3	2	5.7	3	5.7	60	8.6

• Over one-half of patients (54%) reported that tooth pain did not interfere with daily activities; less than 9% indicated that pain was a major impediment (rated at least 7 on a scale of 0 to 10).

13. In the past week, how much has tooth pain interfered with your ability to take part in recreational, social and family activities where 0 is "no interference" and 10 is "unable to carry on any activities"?

No interference Unable to carry on any activities 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Table Q13: Inability to carry on recreational activities due to pain by DPBRN region

	AL	/MS	FL	./GA	M	IN	P	DA		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%
In the past week, how much has	tooth pai	in inter	fered	with yo	ur abili	ty to tal	ke pai	rt in rec	reatio	onal, soc	ial and	_
family activities where 0 is "no ir	terferen	ce" and	10 is	"unable	e to carı	ry on ar	y acti	ivities"?	•			
No interference (0)	59	60.8	86	68.3	231	60.0	27	77.1	34	64.2	437	62.8
Little (1-3)	18	18.6	19	15.1	82	21.3	3	8.6	7	13.2	129	18.5
Moderate (4-6)	8	8.3	9	7.1	43	11.2	2	5.7	9	17.0	71	10.2
Major/unable (7-10)	12	12.4	12	9.5	29	7.5	3	8.6	3	5.7	59	8.5

• Overall, about 63% of patients reported that tooth pain did not interfere with recreational, social and family activities with PDA having the highest at 77%.

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able Q14: I	nterfere	nce with	ability	to work	in the	past w	eek due	to pain	by DPB	RN reg	ion			
			AL,	/MS	FL	/GA	MI	N	PC	DΑ		SK	TOT	AL
			N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
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) is "no inte					•	•	tivities"							
No interfe		))	59	60.8	86	68.8	240	62.2	27	77.1	34	64.2	446	64.1
Little (1-3	)		16	16.5	20	16.0	82	21.3	4	11.4	10	18.9	132	19.0
Moderate	(4-6)		13	13.4	12	9.6	36	9.3	2	5.7	7	13.2	70	10.1
Major/un	able (7-1	.0)	9	9.2	7	5.6	28	7.3	2	5.7	2	3.8	48	6.9
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b	. 🔲 `	Yes No <b>en pain w</b>		ent by	DPBRN	I region M	N		PDA		SI		T	OTAL
b F <b>able Q15: F</b>		Yes No <b>en pain w</b> MS %	FL N	-/GA %		M N	%	N	%		N	%	N	OTAL %
able Q15: I		Yes No en pain w //S % been pre	FL N <b>sent at</b>	./GA % least 8	hours	M N a day, 1	% .5 days a	month	% , over t	he last	\ 3 or m	% nore mor	N nths?	%
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Table Q	17: Smoked	d at least	100 cigar	ettes by D	PBRN region	on						
	-	/MS	•	GA	MN			DA		SK	TOT	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	our entire		-		_		4.5	44.7	22	60.4	227	4.7
Yes	37	38.1	59	47.2	184	47.9	15	41.7	32	60.4	327	47
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average of 10 cigarettes smoked per day.

Table Q20:	Diagnosed wi	th diabete	s or high blo	od sugar by	DPBRN reg	gion					
	AL/MS	F	L/GA	MN		PDA	1	S	ίΚ	TOT	٩L
	N %	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Has a docto	or ever told yo	u that you	had diabete	s or high bl	ood sugar?	(For wo	men, no	t durin	g pregnan	cy)	
Yes	14 14.	9 12	9.6	47	12.4	4	11.4	6	11.3	83	12.1
repo	rall, 12% of orting the hig										
;	r gender a.	e									
Table Q21:	Gender by DP	BRN regio	n								
	Al	_/MS	FL/GA	1	MN	PΙ	DΑ		SK	TOT	AL
	N	%	N %	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Your gende	er										
Male	38	39.6	62 48	.8 143	37.1	19	52.8	27	50.9	289	41.4
Female	58	60.4	65 51	.2 243	63.0	17	47.2	26	49.1	409	58.6
22. You	rall, a higher r age in year	s	on of the pa	atients wer	e female	(59%).					
Table Q22:	Age by DPBRN	N region									
		AL/MS	FL/GA	M M	N	PD/	4		SK	TOT	ΓAL
Your age in	years										
Mean		45.9	48.1	47	.2	51.	5	į	51.0	47	.7
(SD)		11.9	13.2	13	.1	11.:	1		13.6	13	.0
• The	overall avera	age age o	of patients v	vas about <sup>,</sup>	48 years,	being f	airly cor	nsister	nt across a	all region	S.

20. Has a doctor ever told you that you had diabetes or high blood sugar? (For women, not during

pregnancy.)
a. Yes
b. No

23. Your eth	nicity
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- a. Hispanic or Latino
- b. Not Hispanic or Latino

Table Q23: Ethnicity by DPBRN region

	Al	L/MS	FL/	/GA	MN		PDA		SK		TOTAL	
	N	•		%	N	%	N %		N %		N	%
Your ethnicity												
Hispanic or Latino	0	0.0	22	17.1	5	1.3	1	2.8	1	1.9	29	4.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	93	100.0	107	83.0	374	98.7	35	97.2	52	98.1	661	95.8

• Only 4% of study patients self-identified as Hispanic or Latino ethnicity with FL/GA being the highest at 17%.

#### 24. Your race

- a.  $\square$  White
- b. Black or African American
- c.  $\square$  American Indian or Alaska Native
- d. Asian
- e. 

  Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- f. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Table Q24: Race by DPBRN region

	AL	./MS	FL,	/GA	N	1N	Р	DA		SK	ТО	TAL
	N	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%
Your race												
White	76	79.2	121	93.1	350	91.6	31	88.6	53	100.0	631	90.7
Black/African American	20	20.8	7	5.4	10	2.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	37	5.3
Am Indian/Alaska Native	0	0.0	1	0.8	8	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	1.3
Asian	0	0.0	1	0.8	8	2.1	4	11.4	0	0.0	13	1.9
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1
Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.7

 Over 90% of all study patients self-identified as being of white race and 5% as African American with AL/MS having the highest proportion of African Americans at 21%.

25. Do you have dental insurance or third party coverage?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Table Q25: Dental insurance by DPBRN region

	AL,	/MS	FL	/GA	M	N	1	PDA	9	SK	тот	AL
	N	%	6 N %		N	%	N	%	N %		N	%
Do you ha	ve denta	l insuran	ce or th	ird party c	overage?							
Yes	75	78.1	85	64.9	323	83.7	36	100.0	52	98.1	571	81.3

 Overall, 81% of patients had dental insurance coverage ranging from about 65% (FL/GA) to 100% (PDA).

	26. Indicate	your	household	annual	income
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- a.  $\Box$  < \$10,000 per year
- b. \$\sum \\$10,000 \\$29,000 per year
- c. | \$30,000 \$49,999 per year
- d.  $\square$  > \$50,000 per year

#### **Table Q26: Income by DPBRN region**

	AL	/MS	FL	./GA	M	IN	Р	DA		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Indicate your household annu	ual income											
<\$10,000/yr	3	3.2	6	5.0	15	4.0	0	0.0	2	3.8	26	3.9
\$10,000 - \$29,999/yr	6	6.5	16	13.2	47	12.6	1	2.9	9	17.0	79	11.7
\$30,000 - \$49,999/yr	24	25.8	24	19.8	70	18.8	5	14.3	17	32.1	140	20.7
>\$50,000/yr	60	64.5	75	62.0	241	64.6	29	82.9	25	47.2	430	63.7

Overall, about 64% of patients reported a household annual income of at least \$50,000.

#### 27. Indicate your highest level of education

- b. high school
- c. some college d. college degree
- e. 

  advanced or graduate degree

#### **Table Q27: Education by DPBRN region**

	AL	./MS	FL	/GA	N	1N	P	DA		SK	ТО	TAL
	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%
Indicate your highest level of education												
less than high school	2	2.1	2	1.5	1	0.3	0	0.0	9	17.3	14	2.0
high school	17	17.9	21	16.0	62	16.1	1	2.9	16	30.8	117	16.8
some college	28	29.5	41	31.3	115	29.9	13	37.1	11	21.2	208	29.8
college degree	29	30.5	51	38.9	150	39.0	12	34.3	12	23.1	254	36.4
advanced or graduate degree	19	20.0	16	12.2	57	14.8	9	25.7	4	7.7	105	15.0

- Overall, 2% of patients reported having less than a high school education with SK being highest at
- Patients completing a college degree ranged from about 31% (SK) to 60% (PDA) with the overall average being 51%.

### **Patient Survey - Immediately After Treatment**

1. How intense was your tooth pain **during** the root canal on a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"?

No Pain Pain as bad as could be

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Table Q1: Level of tooth pain during root canal by DPBRN region and patient visits

	_/MS	F	L/GA	M	IN	PC	PΑ		SK	TO	TAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
How intense was your to	oth pain (	during th	e roo	t canal on	a 0 to 1	0 scale,	where 0	is "no	pain"	and 10	is "pain	as
bad as could be"? (First V	isit)											
None (0)	58	59.8	80	62.0	239	62.6	21	58.3	22	41.5	420	60.3
Mild (1-3)	32	33.0	36	27.9	121	31.7	12	33.3	20	37.7	221	31.7
Moderate (4-6)	4	4.1	9	7.0	15	3.9	1	2.8	4	7.6	33	4.7
Severe (7-10)	3	3.1	4	3.1	7	1.8	2	5.6	7	13.2	23	3.3
How intense was your to	oth pain (	during th	e roo	t canal on	a 0 to 1	0 scale,	where 0	is "no	pain"	and 10 i	is "pain	as
bad as could be"? (Secon	d Visit)											
None (0)	18	60.0	15	50.0	22	64.7	9	64.3	19	50.0	83	56.9
Mild (1-3)	8	26.7	14	46.7	12	35.3	3	21.5	17	44.7	54	37.0
Moderate (4-6)	3	10.0	1	3.3	0	0.0	1	7.1	0	0.0	5	3.4
Severe (7-10)	1	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.1	2	5.3	4	2.7
How intense was your to	oth pain (	during th	e roo	t canal on	a 0 to 1	0 scale,	where 0	is "no	pain"	and 10 i	is "pain	as
bad as could be"? (Third	Visit)											
None (0)	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	75.0	5	83.3
Mild (1-3)	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	25.0	1	16.7

- Immediately after treatment on the first visit, 60% of patients overall reported no tooth pain during the root canal with approximately 32% reporting pain categorized as mild (1 to 3 on a pain scale 0 to 10).
- For those requiring a second visit, patients reporting no pain was about 57% with 37% reporting pain as mild (categorized as 1 to 3 on a scale of 0 to 10).
- For the 6 patients requiring a third visit, 83% reported no pain during the procedure and about 17% reported pain categorized as mild on a scale of 0 to 10.

- 2. Please rate how numb your tooth felt during the root canal treatment (mark one).
  - a. 

    The tooth was not numb enough.
  - b. 

    The tooth was numb enough.
  - c. 

    The tooth was too numb.

Table Q2: Numbness of tooth during root canal by DPBRN region and patient visits

	А	L/MS	FL	/GA	N	ΛN	PΙ	DΑ		SK	ТО	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Please rate how numb you	ır tooth	felt duri	ng the	root cana	al treati	ment (ma	ark one	). (First	Visit)			
Not numb enough	5	5.2	6	4.6	16	4.2	1	2.8	8	16.0	36	5.1
Numb enough	91	93.8	121	92.4	362	93.8	35	97.2	40	80.0	649	92.7
Too numb	1	1.0	4	3.1	8	2.1	0	0.0	2	4.0	15	2.1
Please rate how numb you	ır tooth	felt duri	ng the	root cana	al treati	ment (ma	ark one	). (Seco	nd Vi	sit)		
Not numb enough	3	10.0	1	3.5	0	0.0	2	14.3	3	9.4	9	6.5
Numb enough	27	90.0	27	93.1	34	100.0	12	85.7	27	84.4	127	91.4
Too numb	0	0.0	1	3.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	6.3	3	2.2
Please rate how numb you	ır tooth	felt duri	ng the	root cana	al treati	ment (ma	ark one	). (Third	d Visit	t)		
Not numb enough	0	0.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	25.0	2	33.3
Numb enough	1	100.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	75.0	4	66.7
Too numb	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0

- Overall, approximately 93% of patients reported the tooth felt numb enough during the root canal treatment on the first visit with SK being slightly lower at 80%.
- Where a second visit was required, most patients (91%) reported the tooth was sufficiently numb during the root canal treatment, with SK being the lowest at 84%.
- Of the six patients requiring a third visit, four (about 67%) reported that the tooth was sufficiently numb during the root canal treatment.

- 3. Please rate how your feelings of fear compared to the actual experience.
  - a. Does not apply I was not afraid.
  - b. 

    The experience was *better* than I feared.
  - c. 

    The experience was about what I feared.
  - d. 

    The experience was worse than what I feared.

Table Q3: Feelings of fear by DPBRN region and patient visits

	Al	L/MS	F	L/GA	N	1N	PΙ	DΑ		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	N	%
Please rate how your feeling	s of fear	compar	ed to	the actua	l exper	ience. (	First Vi	sit)				
Not Afraid	33	34.0	51	38.9	110	28.5	15	41.7	13	24.5	222	31.6
Better than I feared	56	57.7	67	51.2	229	59.3	17	47.2	24	45.3	393	55.9
About what I feared	7	7.2	13	9.9	44	11.4	3	8.3	15	28.3	82	11.7
Worse than I feared	1	1.0	0	0.0	3	0.8	1	2.8	1	1.9	6	0.9
Please rate how your feeling	s of fear	compar	ed to	the actua	l exper	ience. (	Second	l Visit)				
Not Afraid	12	40.0	11	36.7	21	61.8	8	57.1	22	56.4	74	50.3
Better than I feared	14	46.7	14	46.7	9	26.5	4	28.6	13	33.3	54	36.7
About what I feared	4	13.3	5	16.7	4	11.8	2	14.3	2	5.1	17	11.6
Worse than I feared	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	5.1	2	1.4
Please rate how your feeling	s of fear	compar	ed to	the actua	l exper	ience. (	Third V	isit)				
Not Afraid	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	50.0	4	66.7
Better than I feared	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	50.0	2	33.3
About what I feared	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0
Worse than I feared	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0

- For the first visit, nearly 88% of patients overall were either unafraid (about 56%) or felt the experience was more positive than originally feared (about 32%). Of the remaining patients, nearly 12% indicated the visit was about what they had feared and less than one percent indicated the visit was worse than they feared.
- The second visit showed similar results overall as the first.

1. How many days in the past week have you had tooth pain? Days (If no pain, please write "0")

Table Q1: Number of days had pain by DPBRN region and patient visits

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	AL/MS	FL/GA	MN	PDA	SK	TOTAL
How many days in t	he past week have you h	nad tooth pain? (If n	o pain, please	write "0"). (Fi	rst Visit)	
Mean	2.1	1.5	2.2	2.9	1.8	2.0
(SD)	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4
How many days in t Visit)	he past week have you h	nad tooth pain? (If n	o pain, please	write "0"). (Se	econd	
Mean	1.3	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.0
(SD)	1.7	1.7	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.9
How many days in t	he past week have you h	nad tooth pain? (If n	o pain, please	write "0"). (Th	nird Visit)	
Mean	1.0	0.0	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.2
(SD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.4

- The average number of days that a patient experienced pain following the first visit for root canal treatment was 2 days, an average similar for all regions. The average number of days of pain afterward dropped to an average of 1 day for those patients requiring a second visit.
- 2. Have you taken anything for the pain (over-the-counter or prescription medication, herbal, other) in the last 7 days?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

Table Q2: Taken medication for pain by DPBRN region and patient visits

	Al	AL/MS		FL/GA		MN		PDA		SK	TOT	ΓAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Have you taken an	ything for t	he pain (o	ver-the	e-counter o	or prescr	iption m	edicati	on, herk	al, othe	er) in the la	ast 7 day	rs?
(First Visit)												
Yes	70	73.7	57	43.9	200	61.2	19	55.9	17	32.1	363	56.8
Have you taken an	ything for t	he pain (o	ver-the	e-counter o	or prescr	iption m	edicati	on, herk	al, othe	er) in the la	ast 7 day	rs?
(Second Visit)												
Yes	17	58.6	7	25.0	10	31.3	2	15.4	4	10.3	40	28.4
Have you taken an	ything for t	he pain (o	ver-the	e-counter o	or prescr	iption m	edicati	on, herk	al, othe	er) in the la	ast 7 day	rs?
(Third Visit)												
Yes	1	100.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	1	16.7

- Overall, about 57% of patients took medication for pain in the week following the root canal procedure, ranging from 32% (SK) to about 74% (AL/MS).
- Only 28% of patients overall took pain medication after the second visit, again with AL/MS region and SK reporting the highest and lowest proportions, respectively.

#### Please CIRCLE ONE NUMBER when answering questions #3 - 8 below.

Pain as bad as could be0

3. How would you rate your tooth pain on a 0 to 10 scale at the <u>present time</u>, that is right now, where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"?

No Pain

2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 1 Table Q3: Level of pain at present time by DPBRN region and patient visits AL/MS FL/GA MN PDA SK TOTAL Ν % Ν % Ν % Ν % Ν Ν How would you rate your tooth pain on a 0 to 10 scale at the present time, that is right now, where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"? (First Visit) None (0) 58 63.7 87.7 69.4 34 464 71.6 236 22 64.7 64.2 Mild (1-3) 19 20.9 10.0 77 22.7 9 26.5 10 18.9 128 19.8 13 Moderate (4-6) 12 13.2 2 1.5 17 5.0 2 5.9 4 7.6 37 5.7 2 Severe (7-10) 2.2 8.0 2.9 1 2.9 9.4 19 2.9 1 10 How would you rate your tooth pain on a 0 to 10 scale at the present time, that is right now, where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"? (Second Visit) None (0) 20 92.9 28 87.5 12 92.3 30 76.9 116 82.3 7 1 3.6 4 12.5 0 0.0 8 20 Mild (1-3) 24.1 20.5 14.2 Moderate (4-6) 2 6.9 1 3.6 0 0.0 0 0.0 1 2.6 4 2.8 Severe (7-10) 0.0 0 0.0 0.0 7.7 0.7 How would you rate your tooth pain on a 0 to 10 scale at the present time, that is right now, where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"? (Third Visit) None (0) 100.0 1 100.0 N/A N/A N/A N/A 100.0 100.0

- One week after the first visit, about 72% of patients overall reported having no current tooth pain, approximately 20% mild, about 6% moderate and almost 3% severe. FL/GA region had the highest percent of patients reporting no pain (almost 88%) and SK had the highest percent reporting severe pain (9%).
- Among patients who needed a second visit, 82% reported having no pain and less than 1% reported severe pain.

4. In the past week, how intense was your <u>worst tooth pain</u> rated on a 0 to 10 scale where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"?

Pain as bad as could be

No Pain

None (0)

0 1		2	3	4	5	5 6	5 7	7	8	9	10			
Table Q4: Worst	tooth	pain in	the pa	st we	ek by	DPBRN I	egion a	nd pat	ient visi	ts				
			AL/M	S	F	L/GA	N	1N	Р	DA		SK	TC	TAL
		N	Ç	%	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%
In the past week,	how i	ntense	was y	our w	orst t	ooth pai	n rated	on a 0	to 10 sc	ale whe	ere 0 i	s "no pain'	" and 10	) is
"pain as bad as co	ould b	e"? (Fir	st Visi	t)										
None (0)		33	3	36.3	67	51.5	131	38.6	9	26.5	24	45.3	264	40.8
Mild (1-3)		22	<u> </u>	24.2	23	17.7	71	20.9	10	29.4	12	22.6	138	21.3
Moderate (4-6)		18	3	19.8	20	15.4	70	20.7	9	26.5	8	15.1	125	19.3
Severe (7-10)		18	3	19.8	20	15.4	67	19.8	6	17.7	9	17.0	120	18.6
In the past week,	how i	ntense	was y	our w	orst t	ooth pai	n rated	on a 0	to 10 sc	ale whe	ere 0 i	s "no pain	" and 10	) is
"pain as bad as co	ould b	e"? (Se	cond \	/isit)										
None (0)		16	5	55.2	18	64.3	18	56.3	9	69.2	26	66.7	87	61.7
Mild (1-3)		(	5	20.7	5	17.9	12	37.5	2	15.4	8	20.5	33	23.4
Moderate (4-6)		4	ļ	13.8	4	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	7.7	11	7.8
Severe (7-10)		3	3	10.3	1	3.5	2	6.3	2	15.4	2	5.1	10	7.1
In the past week,			•		orst t	ooth pai	n rated	on a 0	to 10 sc	ale whe	ere 0 i	s "no pain	" and 10	) is

• Overall, at the one week post-treatment visit, about 41% reported experiencing no pain following root canal treatment, 21% reported having had mild, 19% moderate and about 19% severe pain.

N/A

N/A

N/A

100.0

100.0

100.0 N/A

- Among patients who required a second visit, the overall proportion who reported no pain was about 62%, 23% having had mild, almost 8% moderate and 7% severe pain.
- None of the 6 patients requiring a third visit reported having any pain in the past week.

100.0

5. In the past week, on the average, how intense was your tooth pain rated on a 0 to 10 scale where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as could be"? [That is, your usual pain at times you were experiencing pain]

Table Q5: Intensity of pain on average in the past week by DPBRN region and patient visits

	Al	_/MS	F	L/GA	M	N	PC	PΑ		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
In the past week, on aver	rage, ho	w intens	e was	your toot	h pain	rated or	a 0 to	10 scale	e whe	re 0 is "no	pain" a	and
10 is "pain as bad as coul	ld be"? (	That is, y	our u	sual pain	at time	s you w	ere exp	eriencir	ng pai	n) (First V	isit)	
None (0)	36	39.6	74	56.9	151	44.4	10	29.4	26	49.1	297	45.8
Mild (1-3)	27	29.7	36	27.7	123	36.2	16	47.0	18	33.9	220	34.0
Moderate (4-6)	24	26.4	16	12.3	47	13.8	4	11.8	5	9.4	96	14.8
Severe (7-10)	4	4.4	4	3.1	19	5.6	4	11.8	4	7.6	35	5.4
In the past week, on aver	rage, ho	w intens	e was	your toot	h pain	rated or	a 0 to	10 scale	e whe	re 0 is "no	pain" a	and
10 is "pain as bad as coul	ld be"? (	That is, y	our u	sual pain	at time	s you w	ere exp	eriencir	ng pai	n) (Secon	d Visit)	
None (0)	16	55.2	20	71.4	21	65.6	9	69.2	28	71.8	94	66.7
Mild (1-3)	8	27.6	6	21.4	9	28.1	2	15.4	9	23.0	34	24.1
Moderate (4-6)	5	17.2	2	7.2	1	3.1	1	7.7	1	2.6	10	7.1
Severe (7-10)	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	3.1	1	7.7	7	2.6	3	2.1
In the past week, on aver	rage, ho	w intens	e was	your toot	h pain	rated or	a 0 to	10 scale	e whe	re 0 is "no	pain" a	and
10 is "pain as bad as coul	ld be"? (	That is, y	our u	sual pain	at time	s you w	ere exp	eriencir	ng pai	n) (Third \	/isit)	
None (0)	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0

- During the week following root canal treatment, on average, approximately 46% of patients overall reported no pain, 34% reporting mild pain, about 15% moderate and 5% severe pain.
- Overall, approximately 67% of patients who needed a second visit for complete obturation reported experiencing no pain during 1-week post-treatment.

6. In the past week, how much has tooth pain interfered with your daily activities rated on a 0 to 10 scale where 0 is "no interference" and 10 is "unable to carry on any activities"?

Table Q6: Inability to carry on daily activities due to pain by DPBRN region and patient visits

	Al	L/MS	FL,	/GA	M	N	PC	PΑ		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	N	%
In the past week, how mu	uch has	tooth pa	in inter	fered wit	h your	daily ac	tivities	rated o	n a 0	to 10 scal	e wher	e O is
"no interference" and 10	is "una	ble to ca	rry on a	ny activit	ies"? (F	irst Vis	it)					
No interference (0)	64	70.3	113	86.9	243	71.7	22	64.7	33	63.5	475	73.5
Little (1-3)	20	22.0	8	6.2	63	18.6	6	17.7	12	23.1	109	16.9
Moderate (4-6)	3	3.3	6	4.6	21	6.2	5	14.7	5	9.6	40	6.2
Major/unable (7-10)	4	4.4	3	2.3	12	3.5	1	2.9	2	3.8	22	3.4
In the past week, how mu	uch has	tooth pa	in inter	fered wit	h your	daily ac	tivities	rated o	n a 0	to 10 scal	e wher	e O is
"no interference" and 10	is "una	ble to ca	rry on a	ny activit	ies"? (S	Second	Visit)					
No interference (0)	26	89.7	25	89.3	30	93.8	11	84.6	34	87.2	126	89.4
Little (1-3)	2	6.9	1	3.5	0	0.0	1	7.7	4	10.3	8	5.7
Moderate (4-6)	1	3.4	2	7.2	1	3.1	0	0.0	1	2.5	5	3.5
Major/unable (7-10)	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	3.1	1	7.7	0	0.0	2	1.4
In the past week, how mu	uch has	tooth pa	in inter	fered wit	h your	daily ac	tivities	rated o	n a 0	to 10 scal	e wher	e O is
"no interference" and 10	is "una	ble to ca	rry on a	ny activit	ies"? (1	Third Vi	sit)					
No interference (0)	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0

- Overall, in the week following root canal treatment, the majority of patients (about 74%) did not have tooth pain which interfered with daily activities, with FL/GA being slightly higher at about 87%.
- Among patients requiring a second visit, only about 11% of those patients reported having any tooth pain that interfered with daily activities.

7. In the past week, how much has tooth pain interfered with your ability to take part in recreational, social and family activities where 0 is "no interference" and 10 is "unable to carry on any activities"?

No interference Unable to carry on any activities  $0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 7 \quad 8 \quad 9 \quad 10$ 

Table Q7: Inability to carry on recreational activities due to pain by DPBRN region and patient visits

	<u>,                                      </u>					•						
	Al	L/MS	FL/	'GA	M	IN	PD	PΑ		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
In the past week, how mi	uch has	tooth pa	in inter	fered wit	h your	ability t	to take ¡	part in	recrea	ational, so	cial and	l
family activities where 0	is "no ir	nterferen	ce" and	10 is "ur	nable to	carry o	on any a	ctivitie	s"? (F	irst Visit)		
No interference (0)	68	74.7	118	90.8	262	77.3	24	70.6	37	71.2	509	78.8
Little (1-3)	16	17.6	3	2.3	49	14.4	8	23.6	10	19.2	86	13.3
Moderate (4-6)	4	4.4	6	4.6	20	5.9	1	2.9	3	5.8	34	5.3
Major/unable (7-10)	3	3.3	3	2.3	8	2.4	1	2.9	2	3.8	17	2.6
In the past week, how mu	uch has	tooth pa	in inter	fered wit	h your	ability t	to take <sub>l</sub>	part in	recrea	ational, so	cial and	l
family activities where 0	is "no ir	nterferen	ice" and	10 is "ur	nable to	carry	on any a	ctivitie	s"? (S	econd Vis	sit)	
No interference (0)	28	96.6	27	96.4	30	93.8	11	84.6	37	94.9	133	94.3
Little (1-3)	1	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.7	2	5.1	4	2.9
Moderate (4-6)	0	0.0	1	3.6	2	6.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	2.1
Major/unable (7-10)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.7	0	0.0	1	0.7
In the past week, how much has tooth pain interfered with your ability to take part in recreational, social and												
family activities where 0	is "no ir	nterferen	ce" and	10 is "ur	nable to	carry o	on any a	ctivitie	s"? (T	hird Visit	)	
None (0)	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0

- Overall, about 79% of patients reported having no tooth pain that interfered with their recreational, social and family activities, with FL/GA being slightly higher at about 91%.
- For the 141 patients who needed a second visit, 94% experienced no pain interference with recreational, social and family activities, with PDA being slightly lower at about 85%.

8. In the past week, how much has tooth pain interfered with your ability to work (including housework) where 0 is "no interference" and 10 is "unable to carry on any activities"?

Table Q8: Interference with ability to work in the past week due to pain by DPBRN region and patient visits

	Al	_/MS	FL,	/GA	M	N	PC	PΑ		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
In the past week, how m	uch has	tooth pa	in inter	fered wit	h your	ability t	o work	(includ	ing h	ousework	) where	
0 is "no interference" and	d 10 is "	unable to	carry	on any ac	tivities	"? (First	Visit)					
No interference (0)	69	75.8	120	92.3	264	77.9	25	73.5	39	75.0	517	80.0
Little (1-3)	16	17.6	4	3.1	51	15.0	7	20.6	8	15.4	86	13.3
Moderate (4-6)	5	5.5	4	3.1	17	5.0	1	2.9	4	7.7	31	4.8
Major/unable (7-10)	1	1.1	2	1.5	7	2.1	1	2.9	1	1.9	12	1.9
In the past week, how me	uch has	tooth pa	in inter	fered wit	h your	ability t	o work	(includ	ing h	ousework	) where	
0 is "no interference" and	d 10 is "	unable to	carry	on any ac	tivities	"? (Seco	ond Visit	t)				
No interference (0)	28	96.6	28	100.0	30	93.8	11	84.6	37	94.9	134	95.0
Little (1-3)	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	3.1	1	7.7	2	5.1	4	2.9
Moderate (4-6)	1	3.4	0	0.0	1	3.1	1	7.7	0	0.0	3	2.1
In the past week, how m	uch has	tooth pa	in inter	fered wit	h your	ability t	o work	(includ	ing h	ousework	) where	
0 is "no interference" and	d 10 is "	unable to	carry	on any ac	tivities	"? (Thir	d Visit)					
No interference (0)	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0

- Overall, 80% of patients reported no tooth pain interference with their ability to work in the week following their root canal treatment, with FL/GA being slightly higher at 92%.
- Only 5% of patients who required a second visit after the 1 week post-treatment reported any pain interference with their ability to work, categorizing their pain interference as either little or moderate.

9.	About how many days in the past week have you been kep	t fr	om your usual activities
	(work, school or housework, etc.) because of tooth pain?		Days (If no pain, please write "0")

Table Q9: Number of days kept from usual activities by DPBRN region and patient visits

	r days nope nom doda a					
	AL/MS	FL/GA	MN	PDA	SK	TOTAL
About how many da	ays in the past week have	you been kept fro	m your usual a	ctivities (work	, school	
or housework, etc.)	because of tooth pain? (	If no pain, please w	rite "0") (First	visit)		
Mean	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.5
(SD)	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.0	2.0	1.2
About how many da	ays in the past week have	you been kept fro	m your usual a	ctivities (work	, school	
or housework, etc.)	because of tooth pain? (	If no pain, please w	rite "0") (Seco	nd visit)		
Mean	0.0	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.0	0.2
(SD)	0.2	0.7	0.8	2.4	0.0	0.8
About how many da	ays in the past week have	you been kept fro	m your usual a	ctivities (work	, school	
or housework, etc.)	because of tooth pain? (	If no pain, please w	rite "0") (Third	visit)		
Mean	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.0
(SD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.0

<sup>•</sup> Overall, at 1 week post-treatment, patients reported losing an average of one-half day during the previous week due to tooth pain.

- 10. How much swelling did you experience in or around the root canal treated tooth?
  - a. None
  - b. A little
  - c. Some
  - d.  $\square$  A lot

Table Q10: Swelling around the tooth by DPBRN region and patient visits

	AL	./MS	FL/GA		M	N	PD	PΑ		SK	TO	TAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
How much	swelling	did you e	xperier	ice in or ar	ound the	root car	nal treate	d tooth?	(First	Visit)		
None	44	46.3	68	52.3	141	41.4	12	34.3	37	69.8	302	46.2
A little	39	41.1	47	36.2	140	41.1	15	42.9	10	18.9	251	38.4
Some	11	11.6	8	6.2	45	13.2	7	20.0	4	7.6	75	11.5
A lot	1	1.1	7	5.4	15	4.4	1	2.9	2	3.8	26	4.0
How much	swelling	did you e	xperier	ice in or ar	ound the	root car	nal treate	d tooth?	(Seco	nd Visit)		
None	15	51.7	20	71.4	17	53.1	9	69.2	30	76.9	91	64.5
A little	10	34.5	6	21.4	12	37.5	4	30.8	9	23.1	41	29.1
Some	4	13.8	0	0.0	2	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	4.3
A lot	0	0.0	2	7.1	1	3.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	2.1
How much	How much swelling did you experience in or around the root canal treated tooth? (Third Visit)											
None	1	100.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	100.0	6	100.0

<sup>•</sup> Overall, at 1 week post-treatment, nearly 85% of patients reported no or only a little swelling around the root canal treated tooth.

<sup>•</sup> For those patients needing a second visit for complete obturation, after the initial 1 week post-treatment visit almost 94% reported no or minimal swelling at the root canal treatment site.

11.	Please	e rate how your feelings of fear about having a root canal compared to the actual experience.
	a.	☐ Does not apply – I was not afraid.
	b.	☐ The experience was <i>better</i> than I feared.
	c.	☐ The experience was about what I feared.
	d.	The experience was <i>worse</i> than what I feared.

Table Q11: Comparing the experience to fear by DPBRN region and patient visits

	Al	AL/MS		FL/GA		MN		PDA		SK		TOTAL	
	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	
Please rate how your feelings of fear about having a root canal compared to the actual experience. (First Visit)													
Was not afraid	31	32.6	50	38.8	98	28.7	13	38.2	14	26.4	203	31.6	
Better than I feared	50	52.6	60	46.5	176	51.6	16	47.1	16	30.2	318	48.8	
About what I feared	14	14.7	17	13.2	51	15.0	4	11.8	20	37.7	106	16.3	
Worse than I feared	0	0.0	2	1.6	16	4.7	1	2.9	3	5.7	22	3.4	
Please rate how your feelings of fear about having a root canal compared to the actual experience. (Second Visit)													
Was not afraid	11	37.9	9	32.1	16	50.0	6	46.2	16	42.1	58	41.4	
Better than I feared	13	44.8	15	53.6	10	31.3	5	38.5	12	31.6	55	39.3	
About what I feared	5	17.2	3	10.7	5	15.6	2	15.4	9	23.7	24	17.1	
Worse than I feared	0	0.0	1	3.6	1	3.1	0	0.0	1	2.6	3	2.1	
Please rate how your feelings of fear about having a root canal compared to the actual experience. (Third Visit)													
Was not afraid	0	0.0	1	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	50.0	3	50.0	
Better than I feared	1	100.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	25.0	2	33.3	
About what I feared	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	25.0	1	16.7	
Worse than I feared	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	0	0.0	

- At the 1 week post-treatment visit, comparing the actual experience to anticipated fear of the procedure, about 32% had not been afraid and almost 49% found the root canal experience better than anticipated.
- Among patients who required a second and/or third visit following the initial 1 week post-treatment visit, the majority of patients reported either no anticipated fear or that the procedure went better than initially feared, almost 81% first visit, and 83% second visit.