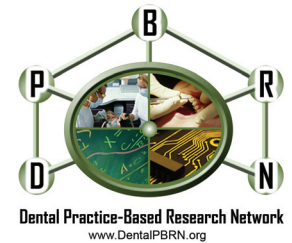


## Testimonials from DPBRN Practitioner-Investigators



**Stanley Asensio, DDS**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**Orlando, FL**

Being part of the Dental PBRN has changed my life! It has given me the opportunity to see the clinical practice of dentistry in a different way. Since I began with the group, my diagnostic skills have been sharpened and my patient care has benefited. When you are a solo private practitioner, port holes that let you look into other offices, in order to learn what they do, is an invaluable tool. This connection has also given me the opportunity to meet some new friends. So, come on in and be part of the best practice-based research in dentistry today.



**Paul Benjamin, DDS**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**Miami, FL**

The DPBRN has had a positive influence on me and my practice. It has re-energized my enthusiasm by challenging me to improve my critical thinking. Doing these research studies has gently nudged me to stay current, making me a better clinical scientist and in doing so, has opened a new avenue for my professional development. Finally, by connecting me with other DPBRN dentists, this experience makes me feel less isolated from my colleagues



**Louis Roque, DDS**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**Vero Beach, FL**

Growing up with a deep love of science, it was only natural that I choose a career in the same field, but part of me still longed for the real science that only research can offer. When I was approached by the DPBRN network, I did not hesitate; my answer had to be YES! The DPBRN offers dentists like myself the opportunity to do real science and research while still practicing our livelihood. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate. DENTAL PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH CHANGES LIVES.

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**Craig T. Aimo, DDS**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**Dunedin, FL**

Working in the DPBRN has been stimulating and enjoyable, but the real revelation for me came at the group meeting in Atlanta. It then became clear to me that the issues that I deal with on a daily basis are shared by many, and interestingly enough, also resolved by many in the same way that I do. As a solo practitioner who often feels isolated, this, perhaps more than anything else, has been the most rewarding aspect of this experience. I also see this program as an opportunity for dentists to take back control of dentistry. In my opinion, far too much research in dentistry is either so narrowly focused that it is of limited use to daily practitioners, or is performed by large companies who have a vested interest in selling us a product, thus presenting the profession with more favorable data without giving us the whole truth. We are then left to our own devices to determine whether equipment and materials are worthwhile or not, which ultimately puts our patients and reputations at risk, not to mention the negative financial impact that can accrue. The DPBRN is providing our profession with the vehicle to determine what we want to study, how to study it, and then evaluate and discuss the outcomes without any hidden agenda. I see this as one of the most positive developments in our profession in the last 25 years.



**Dr. Michael Mann**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**Huntsville, AL**

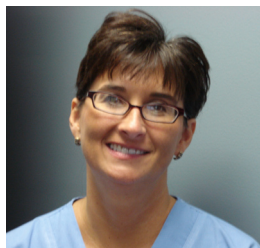
The Atlanta meeting was so different because doctors from such diverse backgrounds could sit and discuss the best treatment for our patients without having 'something to sell'. It is always a challenge to hear that someone is doing something differently from the way you think it should be. However, it forces you to examine why you do it a certain way and then consider whether there is a better way. I am definitely looking at, discussing, and treating shallow caries differently than before. I'm already looking forward to the next meeting



**Edward C. Bozeman, Jr., D.M.D.**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**Columbus, MS**

On returning from the Atlanta DPBRN Meeting, I decided to make a real effort to apply what I learned from all the presentations. Over the first few days back in the office I saw several patients who had E1 proximal surface lesions that I decided to monitor instead of treat. Each of these patients has low caries risk factors. One interesting case involved a patient who had not been in for re-care in three years. At his last re-care visit we took BWX radiographs and found a proximal lesion that had just reached E2 status. He failed to return for his appointment to treat this lesion, and when I saw his name on our daily schedule for re-care I feared this tooth would now be non-restorable. To my surprise his BWX update revealed no change in radiographic appearance of the lesion. This time I chose to monitor the lesion rather than restore because of what I learned from the presentations at our meeting. Hopefully this patient will continue his good home care practices, and we will find this lesion to remain inactive.

## Testimonials from DPBRN Practitioner-Investigators



**Dr. Jocelyn McClelland**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**Alabaster, AL**

The DPBRN meeting had a large impact on my practice. I have attended many continuing education programs in my 20 years of practicing dentistry, but this was the first one that I actually implemented knowledge gained on the weekend into my practice on Monday morning! It really made me appreciate being a part of such an important project.



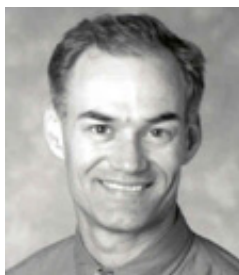
**Dr. Thomas Walker**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**Trussville, AL**

It was very interesting and informative meeting the many dentists from various regions of the world at the recent meeting. The philosophies of treatment were as diverse as the doctors that related them. The conference impressed upon me that what appears as a simple restorative procedure as I had been taught was not viewed the same outside my community of dentists. It also planted the seeds that perhaps this research may be the standardization of treatment that may follow. Many items of interest to ponder however.



**Dr. Don Worley**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**HealthPartners**  
**White Bear Lake, MN**

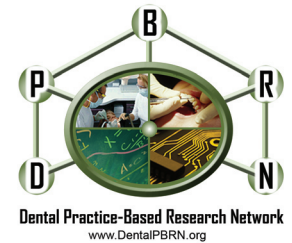
The DPBRN meeting in Atlanta was an eye opener. To have practicing dentists from all over the country and Scandinavia sharing their treatment philosophy was a unique experience.



**Mike Bauer, DDS**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry,**  
**HealthPartners Riverside Clinic**  
**Rainbow City, AL**

I found the Atlanta meeting engaging, challenging, and rewarding. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of dentists in providing evidence-based solutions to every day practice decisions. I would like to have more regular meetings with dentists from the US and Scandinavia. We should try to bring all our colleagues into the DPBRN.

## Testimonials from DPBRN Practitioner-Investigators



**Dr. Vince Riehm**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**HealthPartners**  
**Bloomington, MN**

The 2008 Atlanta DPBRN meeting was well planned and carried out. It provided ample time for taking in new information and for each of us to share our own observations with others. I picked up some good information and I would encourage other dentists, who haven't yet gotten involved in DPBRN, to sign up. DPBRN is good for our patients and our profession.



**Dr. Robin Yardic**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**HealthPartners**  
**Mendota Heights, MN**

I was very proud to be a representative of HealthPartners attending the DPBRN conference. I was able to share information about risk assessments and interventions that showed HP's commitment to dealing w/ the caries process, and realize how far ahead we are of other practices. It was very interesting meeting the Scandinavian dentists who have an even more conservative approach to restorative dentistry than we have. It was great meeting with other practitioners and researchers who are involved in the same goals we are at HP.



**Dr. Bob Maland**  
**Full-time private practice of general dentistry**  
**HealthPartners**  
**St. Paul, MN**

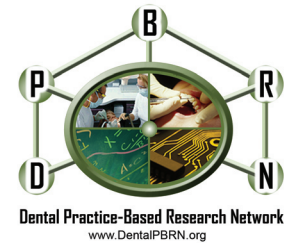
It has been very gratifying to be a part of DPBRN. The meeting in Atlanta was a great opportunity to share and compare philosophies of caries management with dentists from Scandinavia and from other sections of the US. I feel participation in DPBRN gives us a chance to give something back to dentistry by participating in clinical research which has the potential to change the way we practice.



**Dr. David Gesko**  
**Dental Director of HealthPartners**  
**Bloomington, MN**

Being able to learn perspectives from other portions of the country - and in this case world - allows growth and excitement for change! DPBRN allows a perfect forum to advance our profession and improve the health of those we serve.

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**Cyrus Lee, DMD**  
Full-time private practice of general dentistry,  
Permanente Dental Associates  
Beaverton, OR

The Atlanta DPBRN Network-Wide meeting reaffirmed to me that PDA truly is at the forefront of defining and delivering evidence-based dental care. I feel more confident about the effectiveness of sealants in treating early occlusal caries, and whether to intervene surgically or medically when it comes to interproximal carious lesions. I also realize, however, that there is a lot of information we don't have, especially on the outcomes of different treatment strategies. So really, the biggest change is realizing the importance of incorporating PBRN studies into my practice.



**Patrick J Foy, DDS**  
Full-time private practice of general dentistry  
Minneapolis, MN

The meeting in Atlanta was well-designed and helped solidify my goal of a credible network that reflects a good cross-section of a diverse group of practice-styles. I honestly had the feeling that we all entered Atlanta with our personal chip on our shoulders. That chip represented our individual practice styles and philosophies. Quickly those personal chips melted away and the open-minded discussion ensued. As a result we left not only better informed, but more receptive to alternative treatment modalities and treatment options. I am convinced that this is the answer to filling the void that exists in Evidence-Based Dentistry. I left proud to be part of an international solution to dental care that honestly focused on what was best for the patient regardless of the potential economic ramifications. Thanks for your hard work.



**Dr. Hakan Flink**  
Sweden

Finally a network who is concerned about the development of odontology. Looking forward to an interesting development!



**Dr. Dorthe Oleson**  
Denmark

It was a great and interesting meeting - very rewarding to discuss our treatment procedures with other dentists. It stated how important research is - we treat differently depending on the theories and assurances of the University - that's why it is so important, that we all contribute so we can all improve. It will be interesting if we can affect each others' treatment procedures - when our health systems are different.