Practice Based Research Network (PBRN)

The Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (TUSDM) PBRN is a network of TUSDM alum private practitioners who conduct clinical studies in the course of routine patient care. TUSDM PBRN practitioners are located across the country and have all completed training and preparation to certify their practices for clinical research. TUSDM is the administrative center for the projects and provides training, research certifications, quality control, administrative oversight as well as fiscal and regulatory oversight. All projects are approved via a Tufts IRB.

TUSDM PBRN studies originate with ideas submitted by corporate sponsors that seek to answer questions of immediate interest to the dental profession. PBRN has access to a wide geographic range, and diverse patient populations of varying ages, backgrounds and dental needs. The network is well suited to handle a variety of research projects, particularly those centered on over-the-counter products and consumer reaction.

Benefits to Sponsors
- Diversity of study participants
- Expedited recruitment and high retention rates
- One contract for all sites
- Centralized, experienced research administration team
- High skilled private practitioners trained in clinical research

Benefits to Sites
- Faculty appointment at TUSDM
- Bring new products and treatments to your patients
- Help advance the science of dentistry
- Work with pre-market products
- Per-patient payment
- Possibility for publishing and presentations
- Research experience for CV

PBRN Sites
- Fresno, CA—Cosmetic and General Dentistry
- Las Vegas, NV—General Dentistry
- Worcester, MA—Periodontics
- Chicago, IL—General and Cosmetic Dentistry
- Pembroke Pines, FL—Orthodontics

“Patients see that you are not only doing general practice, which we love, but you are taking the time to go above and beyond, to influence the products of the future. They appreciate that.”

—Dr. Kistama Naidu, D02, DG04