

Summary of eligible dentists who participated in the study, by dentist's and practice's characteristics

Characteristic of eligible dentists (n=901)	Participated (n= 519)	Did Not Participate (n = 382)	p-value
Gender			
Male %	82.7	84.7	.4729
Female %	17.3	15.3	
Race			
White %	91.8	90.9	.5078
Hispanic/Latino %	2.4	1.5	
Black/African-American %	3	4.4	
Other %	2.8	3.2	
Years since graduation from dental school			
mean (SD)	22 (10.6)	20 (13)	.274
Region			
AL/MS %	57.5	90.4	<.0001*
FL/GA %	19.8	6.1	
MN %	6.1	1.3	
PDA %	9.9	1	
SK %	6.7	1.2	
Percent of patients covered by public insurance			
mean (SD)	1.9 (2.4)	1.8 (1.9)	.06

* statistically significant

The AL/MS region had a significantly lower participation rate than the other regions. The majority of dentists recruited in the AL/MS region were enrolled in DPBRN to participate in other studies before DPBRN became a network that comprises five regions. Therefore, the AL/MS dentists were not recruited specifically to DPBRN to participate in the current study.