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Dr. Larry Stone Participates in National Research Study on Sensitive Teeth *Findings published in BMC Oral Health*

(March 2017 – Doylestown, PA) – Dr. Larry Stone, a dentist with a family and cosmetic dental practice in Doylestown, has participated in a national Dentin Hypersensitivity study conducted by the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network, of which he is a member. The study was conducted to identify the management approached for Dentin Hypersensitivity in the United States.

185 practitioners participated in this research project which was questionnaire based, and the results of this study are now published in [BMC Oral Health](#), an open access, peer-reviewed journal that considers articles on all aspects of the prevention, diagnosis and management of disorders of the mouth, teeth and gums, as well as related molecular genetics, pathophysiology, and epidemiology.

The study reported that the majority of dentists responding use multiple methods to diagnose and manage tooth sensitivity. Diagnostic methods most commonly reported included clinical examinations, applying air blasts and applying cold water. Management techniques most commonly used included the recommendation of a desensitizing over the counter potassium nitrate toothpaste and a fluoride varnish. The predisposing factors to dentin hypersensitivity include recessed gums (gingiva); followed by abrasion, erosion, abfraction/attrition lesions and teeth grinding (bruxism).

“Tooth sensitivity is a common complaint among my patients,” remarks Dr. Stone. “Anything I can learn as a clinician from how my colleagues diagnose and treat, can only help us deliver better patient care. Participating in this study has allowed me to gain knowledge from a national response base that I might otherwise not have.”