With a new total of 346 participants and only 58 individuals who declined to participate, the Dental Registry and DNA Repository (DRDR) continues to forge ahead. Recruitment efforts have expanded with the addition of several new and ambitious undergraduate volunteers who are someday hoping to become dental students themselves.

The DRDR also saw the addition of new clinics in which samples will now be collected. Dr. William L. Chung, DDS, MD, of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, will be overseeing the collection of saliva samples for the DRDR in his clinic, which is located in Montefiore Hospital. Dr. Thomas W. Braun, DMD, PhD, professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, will also soon begin to oversee the collection of saliva samples from patients participating in the DRDR.

As the world’s first DNA bank designed strictly for the study of dental related phenotypes, awareness of the project continues to increase with another comprehensive article that was recently featured in the Implant Tribune. To see the full article, please click this link: http://wwwdev.dental.pitt.edu/vieira_lab/ImplantTribuneArticle.pdf

If you would like to be involved in the Dental Registry and DNA Repository, or if you have any questions regarding the nature of this study, please contact Jill Schaefer at 412-383-5944 or jss73@dental.pitt.edu