



Relief Fund

The CDA Foundation continues to administer aid to dentists and their families in times of need due to accident, natural disaster or death. In 2004, a total of four renewal applications were reviewed and approved by the grant selection committee, providing over \$19,500 of aid. This amount was matched, dollar for dollar, by the American Dental Association Foundation.

The Foundation works ardently to develop additional resources for this invaluable assistance program. This past year, California dentists reached out to colleagues in Florida through financial contributions to assist dentists whose practice and lives were affected by the series of devastating hurricanes.

California and Nevada Dental Practice-Based Research Network

To assist general dental practitioners in the routine care of their patients, the CDA Foundation took a lead role in developing a multi-state collaborative proposal to establish the first dental practitioner-based research network (PBRN) in California and Nevada. The Foundation will work with public agencies and philanthropic organizations to develop and implement this innovative research initiative. If successful, the PBRN for California and Nevada will enlist at least 350 dental practices to represent general dentistry and dental hygiene from a variety of cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, and participate in multiple Phase III clinical trials and prospective observational studies.

As a practitioner-focused alliance, the PBRN in California and Nevada includes collaboration from the following entities:

- California Dental Association
- California Dental Hygienists' Association
- The five California dental schools:
 - Loma Linda University
 - University of California, San Francisco
 - University of California, Los Angeles
 - University of Southern California
 - University of the Pacific
- California Dental Association Foundation
- California Delta Dental Insurance Company
- Nevada Dental Association
- Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- KAI Research, Inc.
- California and Nevada local dental societies

