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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



THE ROLE OF SPECIALISTS IN TIMES OF PROFESSIONAL CHANGE

Dr. Vince Lee
President, APC

As 2025 draws to a close, it is worth reflecting on the profound changes that have reshaped our profession in recent years. We have navigated the introduction of the federal Canadian Dental Care Plan—a development that continues to spark debate about its long-term benefit and efficacy. While questions remain, the plan is here to stay, and its impact on practice models and patient expectations is undeniable. At the same time, we are contending with economic challenges driven by strained global relations, adding yet another layer of complexity to our professional and personal lives.

If there is one constant in dentistry today, it is change. It disrupts routines, challenges assumptions, and forces us to adapt. Over the past several months, I have participated in discussions with the Canadian Dental Association, regulatory bodies at both national and provincial levels, and representatives from other specialty organizations. These conversations have been robust and far-reaching, touching on critical questions: Are we adequately preparing dental students for the realities of practice? How well are recent graduates equipped for independent clinical care? And perhaps most importantly, how should we define—and continually refine—the standards by which dentists and specialists are expected to practice?

Legislation governing oral health professionals is also evolving. While these changes are driven by admirable intentions, their practical implications remain uncertain. How will new standards affect registrants across the spectrum of practice? These questions underscore the need for vigilance and engagement as the regulatory landscape shifts.

Beyond policy and legislation, the influence of social media and digital platforms on patient behavior cannot be ignored. Patients increasingly arrive in clinics requesting specific treatments they have “researched” online—sometimes without a full understanding of their appropriateness or risks. This trend places clinicians in a delicate position, balancing patient expectations with evidence-based care. Similarly, the rapid adoption of digital technologies brings both promise and pressure, challenging practitioners to integrate innovation responsibly while maintaining clinical integrity.

For prosthodontists, these dynamics are particularly acute. We are not only oral health professionals but also business owners and educators. This dual role creates a constant tug-of-war between clinical excellence, economic sustainability, and personal well-being. In such times, it is easy to view change as a series of obstacles. Yet, I believe these challenges present opportunities—opportunities to lead, to influence, and to shape the future of our profession.

The path forward requires active engagement. I urge all who are able to participate in provincial regulatory processes, dental associations, and academic initiatives. By lending our voices and expertise, prosthodontists can help ensure that evolving standards, policies, and technologies serve the best interests of patients and practitioners alike. Change is inevitable—but with collaboration and foresight, it can become a catalyst for progress rather than a source of uncertainty.



INTERNATIONAL TRENDS IN PROSTHODONTICS: IMPLICATIONS FOR CANADIAN PROSTHODONTICS

Dr. Igor Pesun
Vice President, APC

After attending the International College of Prosthodontists meeting in Toronto this past September, I felt it was an opportune moment to reflect on current international trends in prosthodontics and consider how they influence Canadian prosthodontics. Prosthodontics continues to evolve in response to global demographic shifts, rapid technological developments, and new models of care delivery. As these international trends shape the profession, Canadian prosthodontists are experiencing many of the same pressures, opportunities, and challenges. Understanding these connections will help ensure that our specialty remains responsive, forward-looking, and aligned with global best practices.

One of the most significant international concerns is the shortage of trained prosthodontists, driven by retirements and limited residency capacity. Canada reflects this challenge acutely: with only three graduate programs nationwide, we graduate just seven prosthodontic residents each year. At the same time, dental professionals are becoming increasingly mobile globally, making credentialing and training recognition important international issues. Canada provides three pathways to licensure for internationally trained dentists and is clear about the standards required for those entering prosthodontic practice. While gap training opportunities exist within our graduate prosthodontic programs, the number of available positions remains limited.

Access to prosthodontic care is another shared international concern. Many areas of Canada—particularly rural and remote communities, Indigenous populations, newcomers, and other marginalized groups—continuously face significant barriers to specialist care. These parallels to global in-

equities reinforce the need for policies that expand access and support culturally safe, patient-centred approaches.

An aging global population further intensifies the demand for comprehensive prosthodontic care. Canada mirrors this trend, with older adults requiring complex rehabilitation and interdisciplinary geriatric support. Several presentations at the International College of Prosthodontists meeting underscored the essential role prosthodontics plays in addressing the needs of this rapidly growing population.

The specialty has also evolved quickly in response to the global surge in implant dentistry. As more patients—particularly older individuals—seek implant-supported solutions, Canadian practitioners must balance rising expectations with foundational training, sound clinical judgment, and evidence-based care. This includes ongoing discussions about when to retain salvageable teeth versus opting for implant replacement.

Digital dentistry continues to be one of the most transformative global forces. Although CAD/CAM technologies, intraoral scanners, and 3D printing are becoming standard worldwide. Supporting consistent national training and helping clinics integrate these technologies will be essential to maintain pace with international innovation.

By understanding and engaging with these global trends, Canadian prosthodontists can strengthen their practices, better support patient needs, and contribute to the continued advancement of the specialty locally, nationally, and internationally.

Upcoming APC Annual General Meetings:

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Celebrations and CE Day on **Sept 18-19, 2026** in Winnipeg, MB.

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Registrations will start in late spring of 2026.

2025 APC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2025 APC AGM meeting, was held concurrently with the **International College of Prosthodontics** biennial scientific sessions in Toronto Ontario on September 4, 2025. ICP graciously provided the meeting room facilities for the APC AGM.



APC Executive for 2024-2026
 L to R: Dr. Igor Pesun (APC Vice-President),
 Dr. Eszter Somogyi-Ganss (APC Secretary-Treasurer),
 Dr. Vince Lee (APC President)

A proposal at the 2024 AGM to discount first year membership fees by 50% for new graduates has been implemented for the 2025 year and going forward.

If you cannot attend an AGM, please take a moment to download the proxy form from the APC website (www.prosthodontics.ca) and fill it out. You may give your proxy to any Active member or assign it to a member of the executive.

Remember that Life Membership applications must be received **prior** to the AGM (before August 15, 2026) in order to be considered for Life Membership in the following (2027) calendar year. More info is on the Life Member application page on the APC website.

Note: an active member login is required to apply.
https://www.prosthodontics.ca/cgi/ex.cgi/page/APC/member_login/life_members



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NEW APC MEMBERS APPROVED AT THE 2025 AGM

ACTIVE MEMBERS:

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LIFE MEMBERS:

Dr. Michael Roda

Dr. Thomas Harle

Dr. Ricardo Schwedhelm

Dr. Sarah Richardson

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS:

Dr. Crista Serban (Harvard School of Dental Medicine)

Dr. Sanket Upadhyay (West Virginia University School of Dentistry)

Dr. Sadaf Rezaei (UBC)

Dr. Dana Abu Raisi (UBC)

Dr. Israa Elgazzar (U Manitoba)

Dr. Amit Singh (U Toronto)

Dr. Beshr Hajhamid (U Toronto)

UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL DENTAL SPECIALTY EXAMINATION (NDSE)

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National Dental Specialty Examination 2026 – Key Information and Resources

Dear National Dental Specialty Examination Key Stakeholder,

We hope this message finds you in good health. You are receiving this message as a Key Stakeholder of The Royal College of Dentists of Canada and we are reaching out to share key information regarding the 2026 National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE).

1. Examination Fees

Our aim is to make the examination process accessible to all deserving candidates, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder your aspirations. **The following NDSE fees will be in place for the 2026 examinations:**

- Application fees - \$535
- Examination fees - \$5885

2. 2026 NDSE Application Window and Administration Dates

After meticulous planning and stakeholder consultation, the NDSE application window and administration dates for 2026 are as follow:

NDSE 2026

- NDSE Application Window – December 8, 2025, to February 9, 2026.
- NDSE Administration - June 2, 2026 (for all specialties with the exception of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology)
- NDSE Administration – June 3, 2026 (for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology ONLY)

3. NDSE Protocol and NDSE Policies and Procedures

The 2026 NDSE Protocol and NDSE Policies and Procedures have been approved by the NDSE Committee and both documents are in the process of getting translated. They will be posted on the NDSE website on November 28, 2025. Further communication on these documents will align with the posting of the information for the 2026 NDSE cycle.

4. NDSE Webinar

In order to support the candidate's National Dental Specialty Examination journey we will be hosting a webinar, in both official languages, on November 26, 2025, from 7 to 8PM ET with a focus on providing an overview of key

NDSE information and candidate resources. The webinar will focus on the following topics:

- Application and Examination Fees
- Eligibility Criteria
- Application Window and Process
- Examination Administration
- Protocol and Blueprints
- Policies and Procedures
- Key Dates and Contact Information

If you are interested in attending the webinar, please register here.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eQhmWju7QmqefjhM-k2_lg

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We appreciate your dedication and commitment to engage in the NDSE. If you have any further questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to our support team at

ndse@rcdc.ca.

Best regards,
National Dental Specialty Examination Unit
The Royal College of Dentists of Canada

MISE À JOUR SUR LA SPÉCIALITÉ DENTAIRE NATIONALE EXAMINATION (NDSE)



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Examen national des spécialités dentaires 2026 – Informations et ressources clés n°1

Chère partie prenante de l'Examen national des spécialités dentaires,

Nous espérons que vous vous portez bien. Vous recevez ce message en tant que partie prenante du Collège royal des chirurgiens dentistes du Canada et nous vous contactons afin de vous communiquer des informations importantes concernant l'Examen national des spécialités dentaires (ENSD) de 2026.

1. Frais d'examen

Notre objectif est de rendre l'examen accessible à tous et toutes les candidat.e.s méritant.e.s, afin que les contraintes financières ne constituent pas un frein à leurs ambitions.

Les frais suivants s'appliqueront à l'ENSD de 2026 :

- **Frais d'inscription : 535 \$**
- **Frais d'examen : 5 885 \$**

2. Période d'inscription et dates de l'ENSD 2026

Après une planification rigoureuse et une consultation des parties prenantes, la période d'inscription et les dates de l'ENSD pour 2026 sont les suivantes :

ENSD 2026

- Période d'inscription à l'ENSD : du 8 décembre 2025 au 9 février 2026.
- Date de l'ENSD : 2 juin 2026 (pour toutes les spécialités, à l'exception de la radiologie buccale et maxillo-faciale).
- Date de l'ENSD : 3 juin 2026 (pour la radiologie buccale et maxillo-faciale uniquement).

3. Protocole, politiques et procédures du NDSE

Le protocole et les politiques et procédures de l'ENSD 2026 ont été approuvés par le comité de l'ENSD et sont en cours de traduction. Ces documents seront publiés sur le site web de l'ENSD le 28 novembre 2025. Toute communication ultérieure concernant ces documents sera liée à la publication des informations relatives au cycle 2026 de l'ENSD.

4. Webinaire ENSD

Afin d'accompagner les candidat.e.s dans leur préparation à l'Examen national des spécialités dentaires, nous organisons un webinaire, disponible dans les deux langues officielles, le 26 novembre 2025, de 19h à 20h (heure de l'Est). Ce webinaire présentera les informations clés concernant l'ENSD ainsi que les ressources disponibles

pour les candidat.e.s. Ce webinaire portera sur les sujets suivants :

- Frais d'inscription et d'examen
- Critères d'admissibilité
- Période et processus d'inscription
- Administration de l'examen
- Protocoles et plans d'examen
- Politiques et procédures
- Dates importantes et coordonnées

Si vous souhaitez participer à ce webinaire, veuillez vous inscrire ici.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eQhmWju7QmqefjhM-k2_lg

Examen national des spécialités dentaires 2026 – Webinaire d'information

Afin de soutenir les candidat.e.s tout au long de leur parcours à l'ENSD, un webinaire bilingue (en anglais et en français) sera offert le 26 novembre 2025, de 19 h à 20 h (HE).

Ce webinaire présentera un aperçu des principales informations et ressources à l'intention des candidat.e.s et portera sur les sujets suivants :

- Frais d'examen et titres de compétence
- Critères d'admissibilité
- Période et processus de candidature
- Administration de l'examen
- Protocoles et plans directeurs
- Politiques et procédures
- Dates clés et coordonnées

Nous vous remercions de votre engagement envers l'Examen national des spécialités dentaires. Pour toute question ou préoccupation, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec notre équipe de soutien à l'adresse ndse@rcdc.ca.

Cordialement,
Unité de l'Examen national des spécialités dentaires
Le Collège royal des chirurgiens dentistes du Canada

CANADA NIGHT AT ICP IN 2025



Another successful APC hosted cocktail reception was held during the ICP this year in the Dual Citizen lobby lounge of the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto ON

The event was well attended by over 25 students and APC members.

UPDATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Dr. Gerald Niznik, College of Dentistry Graduate Prosthodontic Program

Dr. Igor Pesun, Founding Director Graduate Prosthodontic Program

The University of Manitoba's Graduate Prosthodontics Program has had a year marked by renewal, growth, and significant institutional development. As we continue strengthening our academic mission and clinical training environment, several exciting updates highlight our momentum and our commitment to advancing prosthodontic education in Canada.

We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Issra Elgazzar**, who joined us this summer as our newest first-year resident. Dr. Elgazzar brings with her a strong record of academic achievement and clinical promise, and she has already begun contributing meaningfully to our clinical and seminar activities. Her arrival reflects our ongoing commitment to recruiting excellent trainees who enrich our program's culture of collegiality, scholarship, and patient-centred care.

Our second- and third-year residents have also been active in scholarly dissemination. At the **International College of Prosthodontists Meeting** held in Toronto this September, they presented posters showcasing ongoing clinical and research initiatives within the program. Their participation reflects both the academic vibrancy of our residency and our commitment to engaging with the broader prosthodontic community nationally and internationally.

In addition to our residency program, we continue to support an important and innovative training pathway through our **Prosthodontics Fellowship Program**. This year, we are fortunate to have **Dr. Maleeha Shamim**, who is completing this bridge-training program, following her prosthodontic training, through the Department of Dental Health Professions Education at the Army Medical College Dental Section. Our fellowship model is unique as fellows spend **50% of their time teaching** within the preclinical and clinical curriculum, while dedicating the remaining **50% to structured preparation for the NDSE and the Royal College of Dentists of Canada examinations**. This approach not only supports internation-

ally trained prosthodontists in achieving Canadian certification but also enhances our undergraduate and graduate teaching programs by integrating their advanced expertise into daily instruction.

A major institutional highlight is the progress toward our **new clinical facility**, which is currently under construction. This purpose-built dental complex will bring all graduate dentistry programs—**Prosthodontics, Orthodontics, Periodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**, and all specialty clinics including **Radiology, Sleep Medicine, TMD, Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine**—onto a single floor. Consolidating these programs will significantly enhance interdisciplinary collaboration, patient access, and clinical efficiency. The **undergraduate dental clinic will be housed on a separate floor**, ensuring both educational environments are optimized for their distinct training needs. We are also undertaking a major modernization of our **digital laboratory facilities**, which will expand our capabilities in digital design, 3D printing, CAM workflows, and advanced prosthodontic fabrication. The building remains on schedule, with an anticipated move-in date in **2027**.

As with every type of building initiative we are always seeking support and donations. To make an Online Donation use the [University of Manitoba's secure donation form](#) for the Dr. Gerald Niznik College of Dentistry. On the form, select the option to "Enter a fund name" and type in "Graduate Prosthodontic Program" to ensure your donation is directed specifically to that area.

You can contact the Donor Relations office directly. You can reach Brooke Karlaftis, Donor Relations, at brooke.karlaftis@umanitoba.ca or you can call the office at 204-474-7835 or toll-free at 1-800-330-8066.

Thanks to everyone for your support.



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Faculty of Dentistry

GRADUATE PROSTHODONTICS PROGRAM UPDATE

Dr. Chris Wyatt, Program Director, Graduate Prosthodontics



2025 marks the 15th year for the UBC Graduate Prosthodontics Program. In June we celebrated with our three graduates; Dr. Amira Fouda (MSc), Dr. Amr Farrag (MSc), and Dr. Mohamed Amhmed (PhD). We welcomed three new residents to the program in September in the combined Diploma in Prosthodontics and MSc in Craniofacial Sciences; Dr. Jason Langin, Dr. Sadaf Rezaei, and Dr. Omid Khosravi.

This year we had the opportunity to attend the International College of Prosthodontists biannual meeting in Toronto. This was a fantastic means of starting the new academic year, and a chance for our residents and faculty to present research, learn from experts from around the world, and meet old and new friends.

We arranged a dinner out with residents from all three Canadian Programs (UBC, UofT, and UM), as well as sharing a favorite beverage at the APC Canada Night celebration.

This past year, two residents achieved international recognition for their research; Dr. Dana Abu Raisi by the International College of Prosthodontists in September 2025 and Dr. Amira Fouda by the American College of Prosthodontists in October of 2024.



Dr. Mohamed Amhmed, Dr. Amr Farrag, Dr. Amira Fouda & Dr. Chris Wyatt, Program Director, Graduate Prosthodontics



I am very proud of all our 46 alumni, 39 MSc, 3 PhD, and 4 DSATP, as clinicians, educators, and researchers here in Canada and around the world. In addition, it is rewarding to have the privilege of working with the following graduates as fellow UBC faculty: Assistant Professor of Teaching Vincent Lee, Assistant Professor Mohamed Gebрил, Associate Professor of Teaching Diego Ardenghi, and Lecturer Faisal Rasheed Al Assadi.

Dr. Mohamed Gebрил and Dr. Dana Abu Raisi, with Dr. Stephen Rosenstiel

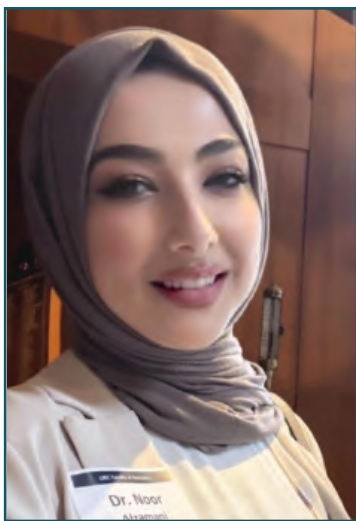


Dr. Dana Abu Raisi, Dr. Mohamed Gebрил & Dr. Chris Wyatt at ICP Poster Sessions



Dr. Ahmed Hieway chief examiner endodontics RCDC, acting head of grad endodontics UBC,
Dr. Rana Tazemani, head of grad periodontics UBC
Dr. Chris Wyatt, head of grad prosthodontics UBC

UBC GRAD PROSTHO RESIDENTS, CLASS OF 2027



Dr. Noor Alzamani

Graduate student in **Craniofacial Science and Prosthodontics** at the University of British Columbia with over a decade of clinical experience in Canadian dentistry, delivering advanced **diagnostic, restorative, implant, and prosthodontic care**. I hold a Fellowship in Implantology, strengthening my expertise in both surgical and prosthetic implant therapy. I have a strong foundation in clinical teaching and mentorship through roles as a **clinical instructor and teaching assistant**, supporting students and residents in evidence-based clinical practice. My research

focuses on standardizing the intaglio surface treatment of dental ceramics in collaboration with dental laboratories across Canada, bridging biomaterials science with clinical application. As a multilingual communicator, I have been invited to speak at **multiple study clubs** and have served as a **panel member** in professional discussions. I remain deeply committed to public oral health, health equity, and knowledge translation. My academic trajectory is supported by consistent scholarly achievement, participation in competitive awards, and national leadership as an elected **Councillor-at-Large with the NSRG-NCOHR**.



Dr. Ahmed Ben Suleiman

Dr. Ahmed Ben Suleiman, BDS, MSc, is a prosthodontics resident at the University of British Columbia. He completed his Bachelor of Dental Surgery at the University of Benghazi and holds a Master of Science in Dentistry from the University of Toronto, where he focused on clinical outcomes in restorative and endodontic treatment. With over 15 years of clinical experience, including eight years in Toronto, he brings a broad scope of patient-centred, evidence-based care to his specialty training.

Dr. Ben Suleiman has authored five peer-reviewed publications, two as first author and three as co-author, and has presented his research at national and international prosthodontic conferences. He is also engaged in teaching at UBC, where he supports undergraduate education in removable prosthodontics. His professional interests include implant prosthodontics, treatment outcomes, and academic mentorship. He is committed to contributing to the prosthodontic community through collaborative research, education, and clinical excellence.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Introducing the first-year residents
at the University of Toronto Graduate
Prosthodontics Program

Dr. Aamir Godil

Dr. Aamir Godil is a clinician-scholar in prosthodontics and implant dentistry with a special interest in digital workflows and translational research in peri-implant biology. He completed his dental training in India and gained extensive clinical experience before moving to Canada to advance his work in complex prosthodontic rehabilitation. He received the International Team for Implantology (ITI) **Scholarship** at



the University of Toronto, training under **Dr. Robert Carmichael** at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children, where he contributed to interdisciplinary management of congenital tooth agenesis and full-arch implant rehabilitation. To cultivate deeper research competencies, Dr. Godil was selected for the ITI Research Mentorship Program under Dr. Andrea Ravidia (University of Pittsburgh, USA).

Dr. Godil is currently a graduate student at the **University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry**, conducting research under **Dr. Michael Glogauer**. His work focuses on oral neutrophils and inflammatory biomarkers in peri-implant health and disease, contributing to emerging biologically informed diagnostic approaches in implant dentistry. He has prior teaching experience in India and continues to teach at the University of Toronto through preclinical instruction, seminars, and mentorship. His academic interests include implant prosthodontics, occlusion, digital dentistry, and clinical decision-making. Outside the university, Dr. Godil is active in professional education through his platform **@the.toothsmith**, where he creates clinical and instructional content on social media, educational apps, and YouTube. He aims to continue pursuing an academic career that integrates clinical excellence, research innovation, and digital and biologically driven approaches to prosthodontic care.

Dr. Fotini Molnar

Dr. Fotini Molnar earned her DDS from the University of Toronto and went on to practice for 14 years in private practice, where she founded and grew a successful startup clinic known for its exceptional patient care and high standards of excellence. After building and leading a strong clinical team, she is now pursuing advanced training in prosthodontics to deepen her expertise in dental restoration and comprehensive patient care.

Driven by a passion for precision, learning, and innovation, Dr. Molnar is committed to advancing her skills through rigorous academic study, hands-on clinical experience, and collaboration with respected mentors and colleagues. Her goal is to provide life-enhancing, evidence-based prosthodontic care while contributing meaningfully to the ongoing advancement of research and clinical practice in the specialty.

Dr. Alan Wu

Dr. Alan Wu earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Melbourne, Australia. While there, he was recognized with the Best Dental Student Research Award 2017 for his work on "Dental Practitioners' Treatment Decisions for Posterior Approximal Caries Management". Prior to his postgraduate studies, he completed a Bachelor of Medical

Science (Physiology) from Western University in London, Ontario, where his focus included Alzheimer's research.

After practicing as a general dentist for seven years, Dr. Wu's keen interest in Prosthodontics led him to pursue specialization in the field. Clinically, he has provided comprehensive dental care, including direct restorative work, endodontics, periodontics, oral surgery, and the placement of dental implants. A particularly relevant skill set is his experience with Cerec CAD/CAM technology, which allows him to provide conservative same-day crowns for patients. The highly digitally oriented Prosthodontic program at the University of Toronto was therefore an excellent fit. His dedication to professional development and community leadership is evidenced by his participation as a councillor for the Ontario Dental Association and his commitment to continuing education courses, including attending sessions as far as Portofino, Italy. Fluent in both English and Mandarin, Dr. Wu is a well-rounded and motivated professional who strives to bring a high level of expertise and patient focus to the dental community.

Dr. Raphael de Souza DSATP candidate

Dr. de Souza earned his DDS from the State University of São Paulo (UNESP, Araraquara, Brazil). He subsequently completed his MSc and PhD degrees in Prosthodontics at the same institution. Following his doctoral training, he pursued a clinician-scientist career at the University of São Paulo (Ribeirão Preto, Brazil), where he served as a faculty member for ten years. Dr. de Souza later continued his academic career in Canada, spending eight years at McGill University as an Associate Professor. He is currently a Full Professor at Université Laval and a DSATP trainee in Prosthodontics at the University of Toronto.

Dr. de Souza has developed a strong and internationally recognized research portfolio focused on the prosthodontic rehabilitation of complete edentulism, digital dentistry, and clinical outcomes associated with removable and implant-supported prostheses. His academic career includes competitive research funding from governmental and foundation sources, multiple awards — including the ACFD W.W. Wood Award — and authorship of over 110 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. de Souza strongly believes that sustained and independent clinical practice is essential to a successful career as a clinician-scientist in prosthodontics. This philosophy motivated him to pursue specialty training through the DSATP program at the University of Toronto, where he continues to refine his clinical expertise while maintaining a deep commitment to lifelong learning and academic excellence.



London Street Specialists



Step into a rare opportunity to join and eventually own a high-performing specialist dental practice in central Dunedin, New Zealand

This modern, purpose-built clinic features four fully equipped surgeries, a skilled multidisciplinary team, strong financial performance, and an extensive referral

network across Otago and Southland. Located near the city centre and Otago Dental and Medical Schools, the practice offers excellent working conditions and room for expansion, with potential academic involvement. Dunedin provides outstanding lifestyle benefits, education, and access to nature and adventure. Ideal for a motivated specialist prosthodontist looking to own a practice where lifestyle and success go hand-in-hand. To apply for this job email your details to sergio@londonst.co.nz.

WEBINAR ALERT!



APC will be hosting a free Zoom webinar by ENDA Technologies on their AI transcription software specifically designed for dental professionals.

Presented by ENDA President, Jacob Giroux-Lamont, he will introduce their software that understands dental terminology, treatment codes, tooth numbering and surface descriptions, and common technical terms. It can be configured using your own practice templates, and can generate appointment notes, treatment plans, referral letters, patient summaries, reports and more.

ENDA is a Canadian company, and all data is hosted in Canada and PIPEDA compliant. ENDA is offering an exclusive discount on their software subscription to APC members!

Sign up for the Zoom info session on the APC website at:

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THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL DENTISTRY IN CANADIAN DENTAL SCHOOLS: INNOVATIONS AND INTEGRATION

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In September 2025, the UBC Faculty of Dentistry convened a national workshop to bring together Canadian dental educators for an in-depth discussion about the future of digital dentistry in academic programs. The core issue centered on how dental schools can move toward a more consistent educational framework despite significant variation in technological resources, faculty expertise, and institutional budgets.

Digital imaging, CAD/CAM systems, and fully digital workflows are now integral to clinical dentistry, and academic programs are increasingly evaluating how these tools should be incorporated in a thoughtful and sustainable way. The rapid pace of innovation paired with high costs has made it clear that a coordinated national approach is needed.

To support meaningful dialogue, the workshop featured speakers from multiple Canadian dental schools, as well as participation from several Deans and academic moderators from across the country. Their involvement ensured that the discussion reflected a broad range of perspectives and institutional realities.

“Our aim is to create a structured environment where educators from different programs and schools could share experiences openly and identify areas where collaboration would be beneficial,” said Dr. Gebril. “Digital dentistry is no longer optional in education, and collective planning is essential.”

The virtual workshop attracted participants from universities across the country, marking a strong step toward a national alignment of digital dentistry curricula. Conversations highlighted the diversity of existing programs, the challenges of implementation, and the opportunities for shared solutions.

One of the major outcomes was the creation of the **Canadian Digital Dentistry Working Group**, chaired by Dr. Gebril. This group will:

- Strengthen communication and collaboration among dental schools
- Work toward defining baseline expectations for digital dentistry trainin
- Share effective strategies, challenges, and resource models
- Support institutions as they navigate technological advancements and financial considerations

Building on the momentum of this inaugural meeting, the working group together with UBC Dentistry is now actively preparing for the 2026 national workshop, which will continue to advance the conversation and further develop unified guidance for digital dentistry education across Canada.

ACP REPORT

Canadian Section of the American College of Prosthodontics Report

Dr. Igor Pesun, Director Section 7 (International), Vice-president Canadian Section

As the Board Member representing the International Region of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) I wanted to update my Canadian colleagues on some ways to earn CE and stay connected to the ACP. There are also some exciting updates to share regarding the board certification process from the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP).

The ACP has hundreds of hours of continuing education credits focused on prosthodontics available on ACP Anywhere. Many of the courses and webinars are available at no cost to ACP members. However, if you are not a member, I would recommend checking out one of the 2025 ACP Prosthodontic Webinars, which are available at a very low price point for non-members. These webinars offer timely updates on innovations such as digital workflows, implant-retained removable prostheses, full-arch fixed implant rehabilitation, AI in prosthodontics, and more. Visit Prosthodontics.org/anywhere to learn more!

For Canadian prosthodontists, even if membership in the ACP may be less common than with a Canadian association, this represents a valuable opportunity to access cutting-edge global advances in prosthodontic care and digital technologies, which could inform clinical practice north of the border. Additional content and educational opportunities are regularly added to ACP Anywhere, with the 2025 ACP Annual Session On-Demand arriving on the platform soon!

On the certification side, the ABP has recently implemented a significant change: effective Oct. 22, 2025, they introduced a new “Oral Certifying Examination (OCE)” — an updated

pathway for certification starting in 2026, consisting of a Qualifying Exam followed by a three-session oral exam. You can learn more about these updates at abpros.org. Importantly, the ABP still recognizes graduates of advanced prosthodontic programs accredited either by the U.S. body (CODA) or the Canadian equivalent (CDAC) as eligible for certification. This means Canadian-trained prosthodontists remain eligible to pursue ABP certification — a credential that may enhance professional standing, demonstrate expertise, and potentially ease cross-border referrals or collaborations.

In addition, leadership within the ABP is evolving: as of 2025, Dr. Van Ramos, Jr. was elected Examiner (Director) Elect. While this is an internal governance update, it may influence future exam policies or international engagement, possibly benefiting non-U.S. candidates.

Implications for Canadian Prosthodontists

- The ACP webinars provide a convenient, high-quality way to stay current with global trends — valuable whether you are in private practice or academia.
- The updated ABP certification route maintains Canadian eligibility, offering a path to international recognition and potentially broader referral or practice opportunities.
- As certification policies evolve, it may become increasingly important for Canadian prosthodontists to decide whether pursuing ABP board status adds value to their career or practice identity.

APC SCHOLARSHIP

On behalf of the UBC Faculty of Dentistry, we are thrilled to share that Jason Langin, (MSc/Pros candidate), has been selected to receive the **Association of Prosthodontists of Canada Award for Academic Achievement** in recognition of their achievements in the 2024-25 academic year.

Each year, more than 100 UBC Dentistry students benefit from our awards program. By recognizing their hard work and achievements, student awards not only celebrate academic success and leadership, but also assist in alleviating some of the financial burdens associated with tuition, clinic fees and cost of living.

Awards empower our students to pursue their education with confidence, knowing their efforts are acknowledged and valued. As a longstanding faculty member and alum, I have seen firsthand the benefits that awards bring to our students. The support provided through awards plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our aspiring dental professionals, ensuring they have the necessary resources and encouragement to excel in their education and careers.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our students. As I reflect on this past year, I am grateful to have award supporters such as yourself dedicated to helping our students thrive.

To view all UBC Dentistry Awards, please visit our website: www.dentistry.ubc.ca/donate/student-awards/



OSP Spring Scientific Meeting
Predictable Anterior Implant Esthetics: The Ortho-Perio-Restorative Connection

Dr. Joseph Kan

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 8 am to 5 pm
BMO Academy
33 Dundas Street West, Toronto

The **Ontario Society of Periodontists** invites you to attend a full-day lecture with Dr. Joseph Kan on *Predictable Anterior Implant Esthetics: The Ortho-Perio-Restorative Connection*, in Toronto on Saturday, April 18.

Course Synopsis

Achieving anterior implant esthetics is challenging and demanding. To create implant restorations with harmonious gingival contours that emulate nature is a fusion of science and art. Understanding the biologic and physiologic limitations of the soft and hard tissue will facilitate predictability from simple to complex esthetic situations.

This presentation will encompass orthodontics, periodontics and restorative dentistry focusing on current implant treatment philosophies and methodologies for replacing currently missing teeth and the management of patients who will be losing a tooth or teeth in the esthetic zone. Emphasis will be placed on the diagnosis and treatment planning, surgical, prosthetic complications, management of soft and hard tissue and long term follow up in the esthetic zone.

Learning Objectives:

- Prognostic keys for predictable implant esthetics
- Understanding soft and hard tissue biology
- Root Shield: lessons learned over 15 years
- Split Bone Block Grafting Technique & Guided Bone Regeneration: lessons learned over 13 years
- Bone and soft tissue graft concepts & techniques
- Implant papilla management
- Implant recession and papilla loss: etiology and treatment
- Complications management
- How to integrate orthodontics in anterior implant esthetics

Who should attend?

Periodontists, Orthodontists, Prosthodontists, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and General Dentists.

Cost:

\$400 – Register by Wednesday, February 18 to receive the "Early Bird" rate!
\$500 – Registration rate as of Thursday, February 19.

How to Register

Registration opens on December 15. Visit the [OSP Events](#) page to register!

Room Block

The OSP has a room block at the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre (525 Bay Street, Toronto). The rate is \$299 for a single or double plus applicable taxes. The room block is only being held until Thursday, March 12, 2026.
To reserve your room, please call 1 (800) 905-0667 or [Book Online](#).

Questions?

Email Saskia at info@osp.on.ca



Dr. Kan completed Prosthodontics and Implant surgery from Loma Linda University. He is a professor and maintains a private practice.



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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

There are a number of benefits achieved as a member of the APC. The APC Website does review these membership benefits. You should be aware of some of the following:

Our Mission Statement is:

To advance our Specialty and serve our Members, while acting as the national and international voice of Prosthodontics for Canada.

Of special interest is the knowledge that CDSA attends the CDA Dentistry's Leader's Forum and the Canadian Oral Health Roundtable each year? In addition to these advocacy and regulatory roles, the CDSA also works to facilitate dental specialty practice in other ways. Of interest to some of our members will be that the CDSA has established the CDSA Travel Award for students enrolled in a Canadian dental specialty program. This award helps fund costs related to presentation of research at an international meeting.

THE JOURNAL OF PROSTHETIC DENTISTRY – included in your membership is a subscription to the JPD, one of the founding journals of our profession. APC is a sponsoring organization and has a designated liaison from our membership to the Journal. Our preferred subscription rate is a significant savings over the individual subscription.

A significant member benefit is discounts that are available for dental suppliers. For example, see the list below:

DISCOUNTS WITH DENTAL SUPPLY MANUFACTURERS

ASTRA TECH CANADA – A discount of 10% is offered on all restorative components, excluding equipment, software and Atlantis™ custom abutments. This offer cannot be combined with any other promotions. APC members should contact their local Astra Tech representative when placing the order in order to receive this discount.

BIOMET 3i – all APC members receive a 10% discount off all products excluding BellaTek products (this offer may not be combined with any other promotional offer or discount).

IVOCLAR VIVADENT CANADA – We have also negotiated a 10% discount on all Lab products (except alloy and denture tooth forms) as well as 10% off all CE courses from IVOCLAR VIVADENT CANADA.

NOBEL BIO CARE CANADA – Members of the APC receive a straight 10 % discount.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION – The APC is the recognized national voice for our chosen profession and provide support and counsel to key groups in organized dentistry including the Canadian Dental Association (CDA), Canadian Dental Specialist Association (CDSA), Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) and Canadian Dental Regulatory Federation CDRF).

STRAUMANN CANADA – Members of the APC receive a 10% discount on all restorative components, excluding equipment, software, CAD CAM coping and custom abutments. (This offer cannot be combined with any other promotional offer or discount. To take effect January 1st, 2011). For inquiries on implant programs and regenerative products, please contact your STRAUMANN representative directly.

- You must show proof of full Active level APC membership to your local ASTRA TECH, STRAUMANN or IVOCLAR representative at time of order to receive these ongoing benefits. We are also currently negotiating with several other companies for similar relationships.

APC Logo Advertising – Members may use the APC logo for advertising in the media, including yellow pages, as well as including it on your letterhead. The files may be downloaded from this website.

The APC Membership Directory – This is an invaluable resource in member-to-member communications. Updated immediately online.

Continuing Education – As members of the APC we are able to join or attend scientific sessions of many other Prosthodontic Organizations like the American College of Prosthodontists at discounted rates.

Mailing List Distribution – The APC regularly distributes information on behalf of other prosthodontic organizations to the APC members in order that you to receive timely information about CE courses or other publications of interest such as SPECTRUM. Without membership to the APC, you may not receive these.

ENDA Technologies – members of APC receive a 15% discount on subscriptions to their leading edge, Canadian hosted, PIPEDA compliant, AI Dental Scribe technology.

Newsletter - The Association of Prosthodontists of Canada publish an annual Newsletter referred to as the APC FrontLine. This publication is produced by members of your association and is intended to provide an additional source of information for the benefit of our membership. This current and timely publication is an effective way to communicate to the other members of the APC. Inside each issue, you will find letters highlighting the activity of your executive members with messages from the President and Past President. You will find informative articles from renowned prosthodontic members outlining the history of our association. You will find articles introducing the APC task force against denturist's expansion of scope of practice. The above items represent only a small sample of informative articles and found in the APC Frontline.

The APC is blessed to count amongst its members many highly motivated and very experienced clinicians from diverse educational and regional backgrounds – it is understandable that we would not all see things from the same perspective, and this is our greatest strength as a national organization.