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REGULATORY REFORM STRIKES ALBERTA

The dental profession in Alberta appears either in a state of shock or is sleep walking, over recent amendments to the *Health Professions Act* (HPA) in Alberta.

The amendments are contained in Bill 46 which implements a number of regulatory reforms apparently oriented around advancing the public interest, increasing public trust and increasing transparency and efficiency in the provisions of health care. Recognize the amendment of the HPA in Alberta is eerily similar to the recent recommendations to overhaul and improvement of health professional regulations that has recently occurred in British Columbia. (Recommended by the "Clayton Report in BC" in April 2019).

Many of the amendments in Alberta are very significant and should be of concern to the dental profession in Alberta and throughout the country. Perhaps the most significant change mandates the separation of the college and professional association. This separation in Alberta has been discussed for many decades with many dental professionals in Alberta suggesting the separation of the association and college would be a positive thing. We have however, seen other provinces try this approach with mixed success. Bill 46 has granted the wish. In Alberta, we now have the separation of the association and college, but I would submit that Bill 46 has taken this separation into an arena far beyond a separate college.

My concern with this issue is as follows. Firstly, recognize membership in the professional association is voluntary and separation from the college, would result in a predictable deterioration in membership numbers to be the point that the residual association would easily be marginalized and rendered ineffective. In essence, the professional association will devolve into an entity slightly above the level of a social convenor. My further concern with the separation relates to dramatic change in the status of the regulatory college beyond the simple perceived separation. Bill 46 appears to take many regulatory tools used by professional association councils and realigns or redirects these regulatory tools to a revamped college. For example, items like Code of Ethics provisions, Bylaws, Continuing Competency requirements, Restricted Activities and Standards of Practice, may all have to be redone or redirected by a revamped college. This is not mere speculation.

Bill 46, does in fact, change the role of the regulatory college and this includes the requirement to develop new Standards of Practice for Restricted Activities, adapt Bylaws and modify the current Governance Framework. Further, the focused mandate for the new College has an emphasis on protecting and serving the public interest as well as upholding the public's trust in the dental profession, by establishing, monitoring and enforcing the standards of registration, professional practice conduct, standards of practice and continuing competence for the dental profession. Recognize the phrase continuing competence represents a number

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of potential concerns. For example, in Alberta competence could refer to a practice visit. This practice visit is not a social event but rather could now include Assessment of Regulated Members' Competence (ARMC). This goes far beyond a self-directed professional development process or a continuing education program and could now include the ability to conduct or require competency interviews or examinations or other competency assessments by the Competence Committee.

The whole issue becomes even more complicated. Bill 46 appears to advocate the amalgamation of a number of the dentally related colleges, effectively reducing the number of colleges into a large centralized omnibus type college. The proposal appears to suggest each current dental college would have one member on this amalgamated college and these representatives would be coupled with 50% public members. All I can say about this proposal is "Wow" and "strap in and hang on". If the regulatory environment in Alberta was complicated before this provision, I would suggest this amalgamated body will make the regulatory environment even more challenging. Imagine facing a professional hearing with only one dentist on the regulatory board, and being judged by 50% public members, who arguably know very little about dentistry. Could this delegate professional discipline hearings to a pseudo-court system where the dentist is judged by public paranoia or negative perceptions of dentists? Further, can you imagine the Code of Ethics of the dental profession being determined by an amalgamated college containing only one dentist. Professional Bylaws could change in this amalgamated college with only one dentist overseeing the changes. If you were concerned with practice guidelines prior Bill 46, this amalgamated college could introduce strict Standards of Practice with again only one dentist on the college board reviewing the proposed standards. Imagine clauses discussing so called Restricted Activities that define limitations in the nature of your practice. Your professional activities or those of auxiliaries like denturists could be defined by an amalgamated college with again, only one dentist on the board.

In the final analysis, my feeling is that all of the above has created a new regulatory environment that has the potential to fundamentally change the private practice environment and fundamentally change the interaction between the dentist and the patient. This should concern all clinical dentists. Despite the significance of this statement, it appears the dental profession in Alberta and potentially all across Canada, are sleep walking through these regulator reforms. I am surprised all of this has happened and I am surprised there has been very little negative feed-back from the profession. Bill 46 represents much more than simple housekeeping amendments and I submit it could represent a fundamental change to several elements of the administration of dental health care in Alberta and potentially throughout this country. ■

ARTICLE D'OPINION

La profession dentaire semble s'endormir devant la réforme de la réglementation
La réforme réglementaire frappe l'Alberta

La profession dentaire en Alberta semble soit en état de choc, soit en train de marcher en dormant, suite aux récentes modifications apportées à la Health Professions Act (HPA) en Alberta. Ces modifications sont contenues dans le projet de loi 46 qui met en œuvre un certain nombre de réformes réglementaires apparemment orientées vers la promotion de l'intérêt public, l'augmentation de la confiance du public et l'accroissement de la transparence et de l'efficacité dans la prestation des soins de santé. Reconnaître que l'amendement de la HPA en Alberta est étrangement similaire aux récentes recommandations de révision et d'amélioration de la réglementation des professionnels de la santé qui ont eu lieu récemment en Colombie-Britannique. (Recommandé par le "Clayton Report in BC" en avril 2019).

Plusieurs des modifications apportées en Alberta sont très importantes et devraient préoccuper la profession dentaire en Alberta et dans tout le pays. Le changement le plus important est sans doute la séparation du collège et de l'association professionnelle. Cette séparation en Alberta fait l'objet de discussions depuis plusieurs décennies, de nombreux professionnels dentaires de l'Alberta suggérant que la séparation de l'association et du collège serait une chose positive. Nous avons toutefois vu d'autres provinces essayer cette approche avec un succès mitigé. Le projet de loi 46 a exaucé ce souhait. En Alberta, nous avons maintenant la séparation de l'association et du collège, mais je dirais que le projet de loi 46 a porté cette séparation dans une arène qui va bien au-delà d'un collège séparé.

Ma préoccupation concernant cette question est la suivante. Premièrement, il faut reconnaître que l'adhésion à l'association professionnelle est volontaire et qu'une séparation du collège entraînerait une détérioration prévisible du nombre de membres, au point que l'association résiduelle serait facilement marginalisée et rendue inefficace. Essentiellement, l'association professionnelle se transformera en une entité légèrement supérieure au niveau d'un rassembleur social. L'autre préoccupation que j'ai à l'égard de la séparation concerne le changement radical du statut de l'ordre professionnel au-delà de la simple séparation perçue. Le projet de loi 46 semble prendre de nombreux outils de réglementation utilisés par les conseils des associations professionnelles et les réaligner ou les réorienter vers un collège remanié. Par exemple, des éléments comme les dispositions du code de déontologie, les règlements, les exigences en matière de compétence continue, les activités restreintes et les normes d'exercice, pourraient tous devoir être refaits ou réorientés par un collège remanié. Il ne s'agit pas d'une simple spéculation. ➔

Le projet de loi 46 modifie effectivement le rôle du collège de réglementation, ce qui implique l'obligation d'élaborer de nouvelles normes de pratique pour les activités restreintes, d'adapter les règlements et de modifier le cadre de gouvernance actuel. De plus, le mandat ciblé du nouveau collège met l'accent sur la protection et le service de l'intérêt public ainsi que sur le maintien de la confiance du public dans la profession dentaire, en établissant, en surveillant et en appliquant les normes d'inscription, de conduite professionnelle, de pratique et de compétence continue pour la profession dentaire. Reconnaître que l'expression "compétence continue" représente un certain nombre de préoccupations potentielles. Par exemple, en Alberta, la compétence pourrait faire référence à une visite de cabinet. Cette visite n'est pas un événement social, mais pourrait plutôt inclure l'évaluation de la compétence des membres réglementés (ARMC). Cela va bien au-delà d'un processus de développement professionnel autogéré ou d'un programme de formation continue et pourrait maintenant inclure la capacité de mener ou d'exiger des entretiens ou des examens de compétence ou d'autres évaluations de compétence par le comité de compétence.

L'ensemble de la question devient encore plus compliqué. Le projet de loi 46 semble préconiser la fusion d'un certain nombre de collèges dentaires, réduisant ainsi le nombre de collèges en un grand collège centralisé de type omnibus. La proposition semble suggérer que chaque collège dentaire actuel aurait un membre dans ce collège fusionné et que ces représentants seraient couplés avec 50% de membres du public. Tout ce que je peux dire à propos de cette proposition est "Wow" et "attachez-vous et accrochez-vous". Si l'environnement réglementaire en Alberta était compliqué avant cette disposition, je dirais que cet organisme fusionné rendra l'environnement réglementaire encore plus difficile. Imaginez que vous soyez confronté à une audience professionnelle avec un seul dentiste au sein du conseil de réglementation, et que vous soyez jugé par 50 % de membres du public, qui ne connaissent sans doute

pas grand-chose à la dentisterie. Cela pourrait-il déléguer les audiences de discipline professionnelle à un système de pseudo-tribunal où le dentiste est jugé par la paranoïa du public ou les perceptions négatives des dentistes ?

En outre, pouvez-vous imaginer que le code de déontologie de la profession dentaire soit déterminé par un collège fusionné ne comptant qu'un seul dentiste. Les règlements professionnels pourraient être modifiés dans ce collège fusionné avec un seul dentiste pour superviser les changements. Si vous étiez préoccupé par les directives de pratique avant le projet de loi 46, ce collège fusionné pourrait introduire des normes de pratique strictes avec, encore une fois, un seul dentiste au conseil du collège pour examiner les normes proposées. Imaginez des clauses discutant d'activités dites restreintes qui définissent les limites de la nature de votre pratique. Vos activités professionnelles ou celles d'auxiliaires comme les denturologistes pourraient être définies par un collège fusionné dont le conseil d'administration ne comprendrait, là encore, qu'un seul dentiste.

En dernière analyse, mon sentiment est que tout ce qui précède a créé un nouvel environnement réglementaire qui a le potentiel de changer fondamentalement l'environnement de la pratique privée et de changer fondamentalement l'interaction entre le dentiste et le patient. Cela devrait préoccuper tous les dentistes cliniciens. Malgré l'importance de cette déclaration, il semble que la profession dentaire en Alberta, et peut-être même dans tout le Canada, s'endorme devant ces réformes réglementaires. Je suis surpris que tout cela se soit produit et je suis surpris qu'il y ait eu très peu de réactions négatives de la part de la profession. Le projet de loi 46 représente bien plus que de simples modifications d'ordre administratif et je soutiens qu'il pourrait représenter un changement fondamental de plusieurs éléments de l'administration des soins dentaires en Alberta et potentiellement dans tout le pays. ■

2021 APC Annual General Meeting

The 2021 AGM will unfortunately have to be held virtually this year. We had hoped to see everyone in Edmonton in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics scientific sessions, however the pandemic travel restrictions and risks of travel made that impossible.

Our AGM meeting will be held on Thursday June 24 after the close of the PCSP program for the day. Only Active and Life members are entitled to vote, but Student, Non-Resident member and Honorary members are welcome to attend.

We will be sending an AGM Zoom invitation by email only to APC members who have RSVP'd online. Please log onto the APC website and visit the Members Home page for more information.

Life Membership Application Process

For Active members hoping to become Life members in 2022,

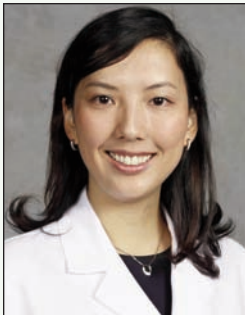
just a reminder that requests for a change in status must be approved at an AGM by a vote of the members prior to obtaining Life membership status for the FOLLOWING year. Application forms can be found in the members-only section of the APC website or email the Administrator (administrator@prosthodontics.ca) or any executive member.

Future Annual General Meetings:

- PCSP (Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontics) 2021 – Edmonton, June 24-26, 2021
- Association of Prosthodontists of Canada to have a joint meeting in Montreal with the Journées Dentaires Internationales du Québec (JDIQ) in May 27 – May 31, 2022. A cooperative effort between the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, Association of Prosthodontists of Quebec, Order des Dentistes du Québec and JDIQ to hold a joint meeting in May 2020 in Montreal.
- APC 50th Anniversary Meeting in Toronto in 2023

UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL DENTAL SPECIALTY EXAMINATION (NDSE)

Dr. Caroline Nguyen appointed NDEB Director of Examinations



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appointed NDEB
Director of Examinations

Dr. Nguyen completed her Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of Montreal, her Master of Sciences and Certificate in Advanced Education in Prosthodontics at the University of Maryland, and continued with a Fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics and Oral Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre.

Dr Nguyen is an Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia, a Provincial Practice Leader in Prosthodontics for BC Cancer, and the Director of Examinations for the National Dental Examining Board of Canada. She is a Fellow in Prosthodontics of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics. She is involved with many national and international dental organization, including being an examiner for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, a Past President for the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada and the current Treasurer for the American College of Prosthodontics and for the Canadian Dental Specialists Association.

The National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE) is now the examination required for registration as a specialist in Canada. After in-depth discussion and an understanding that the NDSE would be the national requirement for registration as a dental specialist in Canada, The NDEB accepted responsibility for the NDSE from the Dental Regulatory Authorities (DRAs) in June 2019. In the following months, the NDEB and RCDC worked collaboratively to develop the 2020 examination.

The first NDEB NDSE was administered in September 2020 for 142 examinees in 9 different specialties. The examination was held in 15 cities across Canada and the United States to minimize the need for international and cross provincial travel during the pandemic. In terms of the results of the examination for Prosthodontics, 7 candidates received NDSE certification.

Over the next year, NDEB will consult with specialists from different backgrounds to review the competency profiles, and a survey will be developed where specialists in practice will be asked to rate the competencies in terms of importance and frequency. The process will allow for a review of the examination blueprints to ensure relevance to specialty practice.

In terms of graduates of non-accredited dental specialty programs seeking registration as a specialist in Canada, these candidates must take the Dental Specialty Core Knowledge Examination (DSCKE) as part of the admission process for Dental Specialty Assessment and Training Program offered by select Canadian Faculties of Dentistry.

To be eligible for the DSCKE, individuals must demonstrate that they have graduated from a university based dental program sanctioned by the government of the country in which it is located to award such degrees. The specialty must also be one of the nine dental specialties approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. The DSCKE is offered 2 times in a year. Historically, applications and participation in the DSCKE is low with just over 30 applications per year until 2020.

(Prepared from material supplied by NDEB)

RCDC UPDATE

Submitted by Iryna Melnyk



Dr. John P. Zarb

I have the distinct pleasure of formally informing you that following a comprehensive and thorough selection process, the Board of Directors has appointed Dr. John P. Zarb as the next Registrar of The Royal College of Dentists of Canada effective March 1, 2021.

Dr. Zarb completed his dental training at the University of Detroit Mercy and is a graduate of the University of Toronto Graduate Prosthodontics program. His professional experience is an extensive blend of clinical and academic positions in Canada and the USA, having taught at the University of Toronto, the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Rochester, Eastman Institute for Oral Health. He is a Fellow in the Academy of Prosthodontics and a former Director of the American College of Prosthodontists. Dr. Zarb owns Barrie Dental Specialists in Barrie, ON and volunteers as a Staff Prosthodontist at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. He has also been involved in several local and national professional associations and is currently a Councillor within the Ontario Dental Association.

Dr. Zarb has been a Fellow of the College since 2005. He started his involvement with RCDC in 2007 as an Examiner and has participated in the written and oral examination administrations since then. He was elected to the position of Prosthodontics Director in 2019, a position he still holds. As Director, Dr. Zarb was an active member of the Governance and Fellowship Affairs Committees.

He credits the RCDC strategic planning session retreat held in December 2019 as being instrumental in his desire to serve the membership of the College as Registrar. He believes that the outcome of this session, the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan (which can be viewed [here](#)), will provide the much-needed spring board for RCDC to determine its role as the leader in defining, recognizing and promoting excellence in the dental specialties.

As the College moves forward with a new Registrar, our gratitude must be expressed to Dr. Leland McFadden who has been our Registrar since 2018 and, as always, has demonstrated his unwavering commitment to the College. I know everyone joins me in expressing our deep appreciation for Dr. McFadden's guidance, wisdom and thoughtfulness.

RCDC is embarking on an exciting phase of strategic growth and development. The Board of Directors believes Dr. Zarb's professional experience and vast knowledge of the College will be an asset during this pivotal time.

Please join me and the Board in extending your full support and a very warm College welcome to Dr. John P. Zarb.

Submitted by Iryna Melnyk – Director of Operations of the RCDC ■



PACIFIC COAST SOCIETY FOR PROSTHODONTICS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC VIRTUAL MEETING

This innovative scientific session, hosts a master cast of diverse, global leaders in the field of Prosthodontics. Targeted for specialists, GP's, and Auxiliaries, the educational venue will be provoking, inspiring, and practical. No experience required, all levels OK. The teaching methods involve lecture only.

Registration is OPEN! 15 Hours of CE, 3 Day Program to include: digital dentistry, Interdisciplinary Treatment, Potpourri of the Most Current Prosthodontic Topics. Members with paid annual dues are free, guest dentists \$299 prior to June 1 and \$399 after June 1, 2021.

Speakers: Lyndon Cooper, Mary MacDougall, Craig Young, Michael Gunson, Kevin Lung, Frank Celenza, Jeff Rubenstein, Cheryl Cable, Steve Rosenstiel, Michael Scherer, Sree Koka, Mark Ludlow, Walaa Ahmed, Shirlene O'Russa, Brian Goodacre, Dan Cullum, Peter Moy, Joe Kan, Steve Sadowsky, Diana Rodriguez, Elena Hernandez-Kucey, Frank Tuminelli, Ben Geller, Ricardo Carvalho, Tracy Bischof, Michael Moscovitch, David Chvartzaid. Speaker disclosures and objectives are listed in the scientific program. Corporate sponsors are listed in the PCSP program.

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS (RCDC) FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION WORKSHOP

By Dr. Igor Pesun



Dr. Igor Pesun

The vision of The Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) is to inspire excellence in dental specialties. Since the 1960s our members have supported and grown the profession, linking best practices with an examination process resulting in 2,500 Fellows worldwide from all nine nationally recognized dental specialties and Dental Sciences. It is with great pleasure that I have taken over from Izchak Barzilay as the Chief Examiner for Prosthodontics. I have big shoes to fill. He has handed over to me a well organized

and run group even with all of the changes that have happened over the last year.

The biggest impact on all examinations has been the Covid-19 pandemic. This resulted in the RCDC Fellowship Examination not being offered last year (2020). In 2021 a virtual examination will be offered in the first week of June for Prosthodontics. The examination will maintain the original case-based format of an in-person examination, but as with so many face-to-face meetings, it will be undertaken virtually. Specialty candidates will be able to take the examination from a place they feel most comfortable and have access to a stable Internet connection. The College will be providing extensive training before the examination to candidates and Examiners to ensure the smooth delivery of the examination.

In 2020 there was change in the administration of the National Dental Specialty Exam (NDSE). The NDSE was transitioned over to the National Dental Examining Board (NDEB) with the RCDC providing support in the writing of the exam for 5 years. This examination is required for licensure throughout Canada. The one exception is Manitoba. The Manitoba Dental Association Board struck a Specialists Committee which, through a knowledge-based evaluation, determined that the Fellowship Examination is also an appropriate examination for licensure so will accept both the NDSE and the RCDC examination for Licensure. The MDA has always recognized the RCDC administered exam-

ination in their bylaws as a pathway for licensure, and the Specialists Committee's decision is just the maintenance of the status quo.

The RCDC Fellowship Affairs Committee has made engaging the membership in meaningful and impactful ways a focus. They have started to find opportunities to improve the online member experience by completely revamping the College's website, introducing a new membership portal and augmenting social media presence. These will help RCDC fulfil its many strategic goals centered around the membership program. The College is uniquely placed because it has a large number of members that represent all recognized dental specialties and Dental Sciences.

In July 2020, RCDC relaunched its quarterly membership newsletter. This provides the College an opportunity to share with its membership important organizational and governance information, updates on the Fellowship Examination, showcase its members, and highlight upcoming events. Members and all national dental specialty associations are invited to reach out to the College with opportunities or with information that they would like to share with this large audience.

With online education expanding and people not being able to meet face to face the College held its first continuing education webinar for its membership in November 2020. The College intends on continuing to hold these webinars, focusing on a different specialty each time. The next continuing education webinar, which covers various topics of interest for all dental specialists in Dental Public Health, is scheduled for March 30, 2021. A recording of this and all other webinars will be available to Fellows and Members.

The College has made a concerted effort to encourage its Fellows to get involved within the examination process or the governance side of the organization. These positions provide Fellows the opportunity to network with, learn from, educate, and collaborate with reputable colleagues and distinguished professionals within their field. Please contact me if you would like to participate in the examination or governance side of the organization and if you have any ideas for items that might be of interest.



A Fellowship Examiners workshop was held on March 27, 2021. The format for this workshop involved a virtual meeting lasting 8 hrs using a Zoom meeting format. All participants were asked to provide a minimum of 1 case each and develop the case using established RCDC guidelines and templates and to follow previously established a Prosthodontic Fellowship Examination Blueprint.

Briefly, the Fellowship Examination is a test of clinical decision-making. Specifically the ability to assess, treat, and understand probable outcomes. These questions are case based. A typical clinical case protocol is a hypothetical patient situation (clinical vignette) developed from actual cases and may include a patient history, radiographs, and/or clinical photographs. The candidate is then questioned on how he/she will manage the patient. Emphasis is placed on patient care decisions, as if the candidate was caring for the patient.

The specific cognitive skills that the oral exam assess include:

- Problem solving/clinical reasoning

- Judgement in face of uncertain, contradictory, incomplete information
- Organizational skills: coherent case presentation/time management
- Recognize complications and contraindications

The examination workshop was very well attended by a selection of prosthodontists across Canada. Those participating are listed below:

(Zoom image caption) Effie Habsha, Izchak Barzilay, Kirk Preston, Majid Al Mardini, Elahe Behrooz, Robert Carmichael, David Chvartzaid, Ming-Yi Chou, Nancy Dubois, Kieth Manning, Peter McDermott, Pierre-Luc Michaud, Oliver C. Pin-Harry, Mo Taheri, Brent Winnett, Angela Wong, Christopher Wyatt, John Zarb, Bobby Baig, Patrice Fan, Ansgar Cheng, Igor Pesun (Chief Examiner),

Also attending were Christine Corbeil (Examiner in Chief) and Brian Hess (Psychometrician) and Kyle Todt (Director of IT and Assessments for RCDC). ■

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCIAL SOCIETIES

ALBERTA ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTISTS ACTIVITY (AAP)

AAP membership Zoom Meeting February 10, 2021

By Dr. R. Lesniak



Dr. R. Lesniak

The Alberta Prosthodontists are once again becoming very active and engaged. The AAP recently held a Zoom meeting on February 10, 2021. This meeting was very well attended by the membership at large. The meeting lasted approximately 1.5 hours with multiple house keep topics addressed on an active agenda. The topics discussed were as follows:

1

The status of the AAP moving forward

2

Membership development and membership benefits

3

Promoting prosthodontics with emphasis on Direct to Public promotion

4

Developing formats to educate the public about Prosthodontist as a specialist group

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Dental politics in Alberta with emphasis on the recent amendments to the Alberta Health Professions Act (HPA) and potential impact on Prosthodontists in Alberta

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Upcoming meeting of interest to Prosthodontists with emphasis on the PCSP meeting in June of 2021

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Introduction to the development of a Dental Buying Network (DBN) by Dr. David Burnham Prosthodontist in Edmonton. Dr. Burnham is developing this network that involves a membership benefit to achieve significant price reductions in a number of different arenas.

Of the above topics, the most significant topic was oriented around brainstorming ways to increase awareness of what a Prosthodontist can do for patients. In the near future, we hope to implement both a website and social media promotion to the general public as well potential referring practitioners. Active AAP members will be able to submit case examples and have a direct link to their office contact from the AAP home page. The objective being to expose the general public to prosthodontics and differentiate us from both general dentists and denturists. We are still in the planning stage of this endeavor and will hopefully have implemented this plan in 2021. We will continue to update the APC regarding this and its successes as well as shortcomings. ■

APC EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION INITIATIVE CONTINUES WITH THE

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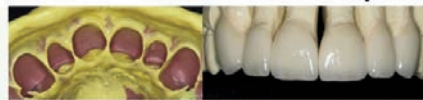


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Dr. Pierre-Luc
Michaud



“Are we placing too many
crowns?
Crowns vs. onlays dilemma.”



Dr. Igor Pesun

“Management of craniofacial
differences from infants to
seniors.”

CANADIAN PROSTHODONTISTS ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO DENTAL MATERIAL SCIENCE

By Dr. Yoav Finer

The following article is briefly previewed, to reinforce the importance of linking biomaterials science to clinical practice. This is an example of highly sophisticated research being conducted by competent and recognized prosthodontists and biomaterial scientists in Canada. The article is available online at www.sciencedirect.com

Antimicrobial antidegradative dental adhesive preserves restoration-tooth bond.

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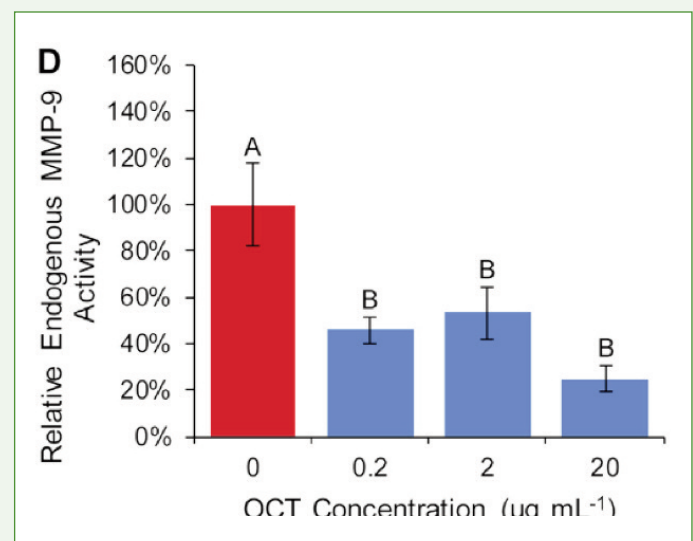
Introduction

Resin composite restorative materials face several host and bacterial challenges to performance, compromising their efficacy as a long-term restorative material. Although aesthetic and mechanical performance of these materials immediately after restoration is quite high, failure due to recurrent caries caused in part by cariogenic bacteria at the restoration margins, or restoration bond fracture, significantly reduces the service life of resin composite restorations.

There is a growing body of literature seeking to improve resin-based dental restorative materials through the inclusion of antimicrobial capabilities to combat cariogenic bacteria at the restoration margins. This may include direct mixing of antimicrobial, mixing antimicrobial-carrying and releasing vehicles, or direct grafting of antimicrobials for surface killing effect or future hydrolytic release.

This study aims to assess and compare the interfacial toughness and biochemical stability of resin-composites bonded to human dentin using either resin adhesives utilizing antimicrobial drug-silica co-assembled particles (DSPs), or drugfree calcined DSP or stock adhesives. It also assesses the enzyme-modulating ca-

pabilities of high loading of the antimicrobial octenidine dihydrochloride (OCT) with respect to the breakdown of the restoration margin, and tests whether released OCT is contained within the interface and not released outside the margins of a realistic restoration geometry. The article is extensive with a number of pertinent graphs illustrating the impact of adding agents such as DSP and OCT. The following is an example of the graphic illustrations contained in this article.



Conclusions

The presence of DSPs in an adhesive enabled esterase-modulated release of antimicrobial drug and preserved the strength of the restoration-tooth bond through drug-enzyme interactions, with no detectable release outside the inter-face. Antimicrobial and antidegradative effects in concert could enhance the service life of the restoration and reduce deterioration of the margins by human and bacterial degradative activities.

These results highlight the importance of testing new materials in physiologically and pathogenically relevant conditions, as some beneficial effects will only be observed when materials are challenged under such conditions. Biodegradation remains an important consideration in dental and medical material design and increasing the stability of materials will enhance their longevity and improve patient outcomes. ■

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We want to hear from you!

The Association of Prosthodontists of Canada always welcomes news and contributions from its members. Please send us any experience you would like to share with your peers.

And/or information on what has been happening in your province, including special accomplishments, outreach programs, government negotiations affecting our profession, and/or prosthetic funding highlights that have come through. We look forward to hearing from you for our next edition of the *Frontline* Newsletter!

Nous voulons avoir de vos nouvelles!

L'Association des Prosthodontistes du Canada est toujours heureuse de recevoir des nouvelles de ses membres. Faites-nous parvenir vos expériences personnelles ou toutes autres informations que vous jugez bon de partager avec vos collègues. Ces contributions devraient être de nature régionales et se rapporter à la prosthodontie.

Elles pourraient se présenter sous forme d'articles décrivant des réalisations particulières, des programmes d'aide humanitaire ou des négociations / subventions gouvernementale. Nous sommes impatients de recevoir de vos nouvelles pour la prochaine édition de *Première Ligne* !

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CONTINUING EDUCATION STANDARDS ARE EVOLVING

American Dental Association to
Revise Standards for Continuing
Education Recognition Program
October 2020

The American Dental Association
(ADA) announced Revisions to the
ADA Continuing Education Recognition
Program (CERP) Standards Related
to Scientific Basis of CE Content.

The ADA CERP Eligibility Criteria require
that continuing education providers offer
courses with “a sound scientific basis in
order to adequately protect the public”
(ADA CERP Eligibility Criterion 2).

Written policies on clinical and technical
CE courses—Standard IX.8

Standard IX.8 previously stated that
providers were responsible for ensuring
that clinical and technical CE activities had
a sound scientific basis and proven clinical
efficacy.

The revised criterion now requires that
providers develop and implement specific
written policies or guidelines describing
the provider’s commitment to ensuring
that clinical and technical CE courses are
grounded in a sound scientific basis and
outlining the provider’s methods for doing
so.

Written policies, procedures or guidelines
must ensure that the scientific basis for
clinical and technical CE content is pre-
sented in each course, as well as an
assessment of the benefits and risks asso-
ciated with any clinical recommendations
or treatment options presented.

ADA CERP recognizes that continuing ed-
ucation may offer a forum for presenting
new research and stimulating scientific
exchange, and that there are instances
where scientific evidence for new or
accepted dental procedures is emerging
or uncertain. In these circumstances,
providers must ensure that the level of
scientific evidence that is available is pre-
sented, in addition to the known benefits
and risks associated with the course sub-
ject matter.

To demonstrate compliance with Standard
IX.8, providers will be asked to submit ev-
idence that they have written policies
and/or procedures outlining requirements
for clinical and technical CE courses.



Providers may also be asked to submit ex-
amples of course materials documenting
that scientific evidence and known risks
and benefits were presented.

Examples of documents that providers
might submit to demonstrate compliance
with Standard IX.8 could include organiza-
tional policies, procedure manuals,
standard operating protocols for staff and
volunteers, instructions or guidelines for
speakers/authors, etc. In this context, ADA
noted that providers should also review

ADA CERP Standard VII.3, which states
that providers must ensure that instructors
“support clinical recommendations with
references from the scientific literature
whenever possible.”

Courses offered on a repeated basis—Standard IX.9

This new criterion applies to CE providers
that offer courses on a repeated basis. To
ensure that these courses continue to
meet ADA CERP requirements, providers
must now have a mechanism in place to
periodically review them. In particular, for
courses presenting clinical or technical
content, the provider must periodically
conduct a review of the course content to
ensure that it presents current scientific in-
formation and updated assessments of
the benefits and risks associated with the
subject matter.

To demonstrate compliance with Standard
IX.9, providers that offer the same course
or courses on a repeated basis will be
asked to describe their practices for peri-
odically reviewing the content of these
courses. Providers may also be asked to
submit policies and procedures for peri-
odic review, documentation from a
periodic review, or other evidence that a
review was conducted.

Time line for implementation

ADA CERP approved providers should re-
view the revised Standards and assess
internal policies and procedures to identify
whether any changes may be needed.

To allow providers time to make any nec-
essary adjustments to programs, policies
or procedures, ADA CERP will begin eval-
uating compliance beginning in January
2012. The first cohort of providers to be
evaluated on compliance with the revised
Standards related to scientific content will
be those with recognition terms expiring
December 2012. ■



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February 19, 2021

Dear PCSP Members, Guests, Sponsors, and Friends:

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and managing your way safely through 2021.

The **PCSP Executive Council** concluded its virtual Interim Meeting on January 30th and voted to hold our 2021 meeting **virtually** due to the pandemic, travel restrictions, and to minimize unnecessary risk to all. This was a difficult decision, as Elena and I were excited to host the PCSP for the first time in Edmonton, Alberta.

The Scarritt Group, our meeting organizer, has an exclusive virtual meeting platform. To abide by our Bylaws and enable full participation of our graduate residents and Directors, the meeting dates have been changed to:

Thursday-Saturday June 24-26, 2021, 8:00am-5:00pm PDT.

Also scheduled are the following events:

Thursday, June 24, 2021-Virtual Welcome Reception/Virtual Tour of Edmonton

Friday, June 25, 2021: Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, June 26, 2021: President and Officer Installation

Registration will open March 1 with an early registration discount until June 1, 2021, midnight PDT. Consult our website for registration information www.pcsp.org.

Scientific Chair **Mike Racich** and **Steven Sadowsky** have created a world class program including the popular Graduate Prosthodontic Student competition chaired by **Fritz Finzen** as the 3-day usual PCSP format schedule remains. This is a joint meeting with the **Association of Prosthodontists of Canada** as guests and speakers-visit the website for the schedule.

All presentations will be prerecorded and followed by a live Q & A with moderators. We have 5 potential new members speaking and 4 additional presentations from members of the **Japanese Prosthodontic Society**. Registrants will have unlimited access to an 'on demand' recording of the entire meeting for an additional 3 months. (*ADA-CERP regulations limit C.E. credit to the live meeting only.*) ***This virtual format allows the PCSP to reach beyond our usual borders, reaching guests from around the world!***

Our **PCSP sponsors**, organized by **Alex Gavrilu** are an integral and vital part of our meetings and they will be in the main virtual hall for the entire 3 days which will include special speakers from 1:00pm until 3:00pm both days. **Dr. Gavrilu** also chairs the Silent Auction and invites you to submit/bid with an exciting, new format: gavrilu.prosthodontics@gmail.com ***Saturday's scientific session will be followed by the 2022 Meeting Preview with President-Elect Gary Solnit.*** The President and Officer Installation will follow, which all of you are invited to attend.

So, as you can see, it is virtually business as usual! We miss you all and hope to "see" all of you in June.

Warmest personal Regards,

Brian Kucey, 2021 PCSP President

86th Annual Meeting
Virtual Meeting
June 24-June 26, 2021
www.pcsp.org

NOTE: THE APC 2021 AGM (COVID PERMITTING) WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH PCSP IN EDMONTON (JUNE 30 - JULY 3, 2021)

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.

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).

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: 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.

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.

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.