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Prosthodontics is a specialty that is focused on providing patients with a fully evidenced based approach to restoring their oral health, function and esthetics. The specialty is experiencing many challenges. I would like to present several challenges that we are experiencing for people to think about. Know that your Association of Prosthodontists of Canada are thinking about the following issues.

### 1. Shortage of Prosthodontists:

Canada has a limited number of prosthodontists, with only about 300 specialists nationwide. This scarcity is more pronounced in rural areas. This shortage can result in longer wait times and reduced access to specialized care for patients. Rural and remote Canadian communities face unique challenges in accessing dental care, including limited access to dental professionals, high costs of services, and a lack of oral health education and awareness. These factors contribute to inadequate treatment options and poor oral health outcomes for residents in these areas.

### 2. Encroachment by Other Dental Professionals:

The specialty of prosthodontics is experiencing clinical encroachment from other dental professionals and para-professionals, especially Denturists. This trend can blur the lines between specialties, potentially leading to challenges in maintaining the distinct role and expertise of prosthodontists within the broader dental community.

### 3. Financial Concerns:

Financial challenges are a significant concern for dental practitioners in Canada. In 2020, financial issues topped the list of challenges that Canadian dentists intended to address in their practices. These concerns encompass the high costs associated with advanced dental procedures and technologies, which can limit accessibility for patients without sufficient insurance coverage or financial resources.

### 4. The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP):

The CDCP is an initiative aimed to improve access to dental services for uninsured Canadians. The phased rollout has targeted specific groups to ensure a structured implementation. Although the CDCP covers a comprehensive range of dental services including those provided by dental specialist. Despite the programs expansion there have been challenges. Many practitioners have found that the preauthorization process has been onerous with significant more information needed to be provided to get the approvals than most other insurance preauthorizations. This has resulted in long delays and significant additional work for practitioners.

Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach, including increasing the number of trained prosthodontists, clarifying the roles within dental specialties, managing financial constraints, and improving access to care in underserved regions. Your Association of Prosthodontists of Canada are working with other national dental organizations in Canada to address these issues. We need your help in you being an active member of the APC and your participation in local and provincial dental associations. Please encourage all prosthodontists you know to be members and help us represent our great profession.

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# EDITORIAL / ÉDITORIAL

**L**a prosthodontie est une spécialité qui vise à fournir aux patients une approche fondée sur des données probantes pour restaurer leur santé, leur fonction et leur esthétique bucco-dentaires. Cette spécialité est confrontée à de nombreux défis. J'aimerais vous en présenter quelques-uns afin que vous y réfléchissiez. Sachez que votre Association des prosthodontistes du Canada se penche sur les questions suivantes.

## 1. Pénurie de prosthodontistes :

Le Canada compte un nombre limité de prosthodontistes, avec seulement 300 spécialistes à l'échelle nationale. Cette pénurie est plus prononcée dans les régions rurales. Cette pénurie peut se traduire par des temps d'attente plus longs et un accès réduit aux soins spécialisés pour les patients. Les communautés rurales et isolées du Canada sont confrontées à des défis uniques en matière d'accès aux soins dentaires, notamment l'accès limité aux professionnels dentaires, le coût élevé des services et le manque d'éducation et de sensibilisation à la santé bucco-dentaire. Ces facteurs contribuent à des options de traitement inadéquates et à des résultats médiocres en matière de santé bucco-dentaire pour les habitants de ces régions.

## 2. L'empiètement d'autres professionnels dentaires :

La spécialité de la prosthodontie subit l'empiètement clinique d'autres professionnels et para-professionnels de l'art dentaire, en particulier les denturologistes. Cette tendance peut brouiller les frontières entre les spécialités, ce qui peut entraîner des difficultés pour maintenir le rôle et l'expertise distincts des prosthodontistes au sein de la communauté dentaire au sens large.

## 3. Préoccupations financières :

Les défis financiers sont une préoccupation importante pour les praticiens dentaires au Canada. En 2020, les

questions financières étaient en tête de liste des défis que les dentistes canadiens avaient l'intention de relever dans leur pratique. Ces préoccupations englobent les coûts élevés associés aux procédures et technologies dentaires avancées, qui peuvent limiter l'accessibilité pour les patients ne disposant pas d'une couverture d'assurance ou de ressources financières suffisantes.

## 4. Le régime canadien de soins dentaires (CDCP) :

Le PCSD est une initiative visant à améliorer l'accès aux services dentaires pour les Canadiens non assurés. Le déploiement progressif a ciblé des groupes spécifiques afin de garantir une mise en œuvre structurée. Bien que le CDCP couvre une gamme complète de services dentaires, y compris ceux fournis par des spécialistes dentaires. Malgré l'expansion du programme, des difficultés sont apparues. De nombreux praticiens ont constaté que la procédure d'autorisation préalable était onéreuse et qu'il fallait fournir beaucoup plus d'informations pour obtenir l'approbation que pour la plupart des autres autorisations préalables d'assurance. Il en résulte des retards importants et un surcroît de travail considérable pour les praticiens.

Pour relever ces défis, il faut adopter une approche à multiples facettes, notamment en augmentant le nombre de prosthodontistes formés, en clarifiant les rôles au sein des spécialités dentaires, en gérant les contraintes financières et en améliorant l'accès aux soins dans les régions mal desservies. Votre Association des prosthodontistes du Canada travaille avec d'autres organisations dentaires nationales au Canada pour aborder ces questions. Nous avons besoin de votre aide en tant que membre actif de l'APC et de votre participation aux associations dentaires locales et provinciales. Encouragez tous les prosthodontistes que vous connaissez à devenir membres de l'APC et aidez-nous à représenter notre grande profession.

## NEW APC MEMBERS APPROVED AT THE 2024 AGM

### ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Dr. Qian Ivy Cheng  
Dr. Paul Mikhail  
Dr. Cui Cui  
Dr. Sadaf Gavahi Kashani  
Dr. Marijana Eic

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Dr. Sylvio Caro  
Dr. Chris Wyatt

### NEW STUDENT MEMBERS:

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Dr. Ahmed Ben Suleiman (UBC 2027)  
Dr. Noor Alzamani (UBC 2026)  
Dr. Mina Mazani (UBC 2027)  
Dr. Mohamed Amhmed (UBC 2026)  
Dr. Bruna Vallerini (UofM 2027)  
Dr. Tarik Patel (UofM 2025)  
Dr. Gowri Vijay Reesu (UofM 2026)  
Dr. Dana Jafarpour (UofT 2027)  
Dr. Yuval Peled (UofT 2027)  
Dr. Mahshid Torabi Ardakani (Eastman 2024)  
Dr. Shalom Benzaquen (Rochester 2024)

## 2024 APC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2024 APC AGM meeting, held on the 28th of September 2024, in conjunction with the Royal College of Dentists of Canada convocation, took place at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria BC.



### CE Day at RCDC

On Friday September 27th, there was a full day of interdisciplinary continuing education with speaker **Dr. Angela Wong** representing APC (pictured with UBC Program Director **Dr. Chris Wyatt**)



**RCDC Board Chair Emeritus Dr. Izchak Barzilay**

**Dr. Michael McEntee was the keynote speaker**



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## FUTURE APC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The APC 2025 AGM will be concurrently with the International College of Prosthodontists

**on Sept 2-5, 2025 in Toronto, ON.**

Please refer to the APC website for details and to RSVP for the AGM online.



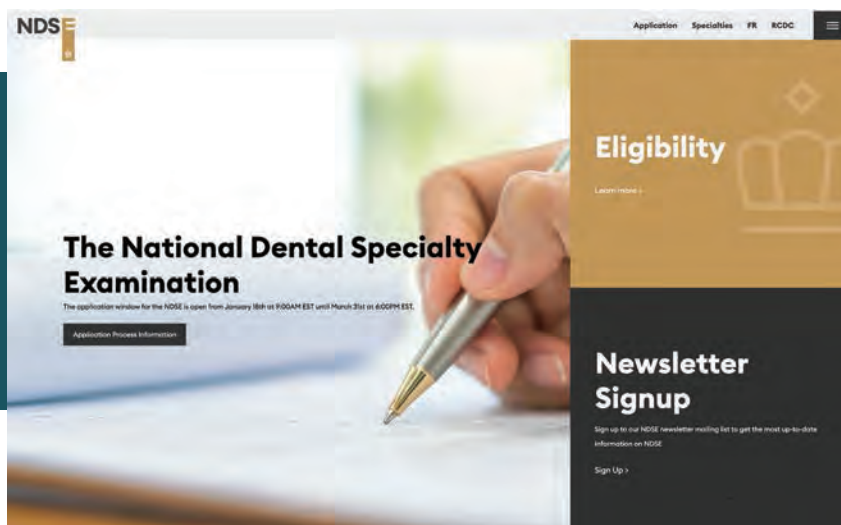
If you cannot attend an AGM, please take a moment to download the proxy form from the APC website and fill it out. You may give your proxy to any Active member or assign it to a member of the executive.

Remember that Life Membership applications must be received prior to the AGM (before August 15, 2025) in order to be considered for Life Membership in the following (2026) calendar year. More info is on the Life Member application page on the APC website (member login required).

# UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL DENTAL SPECIALTY EXAMINATION (NDSE)

Le français suit

Some key information regarding the 2025 National Dental Specialty Examination.



## 1. Examination Fees

The aim is to make the examination process accessible to all eligible candidates, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder their ability to sit the examination. **The following NDSE fees will be in place for the 2025 examinations:**

- Candidates management fee - \$500
- Examination fee - \$5500

## 2. 2025 and 2026 NDSE Administration Dates

After meticulous planning and stakeholder consultation, the NDSE application windows and administration dates for 2025 and 2026 have been finalized:

### • NDSE 2025

- NDSE Application Window - Jan 7 to March 17, 2025
- NDSE Administration - June 10, 2025 (for all specialties with the exception of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology)
- NDSE Administration - June 11, 2025 (Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology only)

### • NDSE 2026

- NDSE Application Window - January 6 to March 16, 2026
- NDSE Administration – June 2, 2026 (for all specialties with the exception of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology)
- NDSE Administration - June 3, 2026 (Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology)

Information on the format of each of the specialty examinations for 2025 in the NDSE Protocol available on the NDSE Resources page.

<https://ndse-ensd.ca/en/resources/>.

Further information on the NDSE application and registration processes for 2025 is available on the NDSE Resources page.

<https://ndse-ensd.ca/en/resources/>

Prospective candidates are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the above resources.

## 3. NDSE Website

The Royal College of Dentists of Canada has implemented a NDSE dedicated website to support the candidate navigate the NDSE journey. Information on the website includes, but is not limited to:

- NDSE blueprints
- Examination registration processes
- Specialty information
- Key dates and resources

In addition, if you were not able to attend the information webinar held on November 27, 2024, you are able to access the recording here:

<https://ndse-ensd.ca/en/webinars-and-newsletters/>

We appreciate your dedication and commitment to engage in the NDSE. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to reach out to our support team at [ndse@rcdc.ca](mailto:ndse@rcdc.ca). You can find more information at: <https://ndse-ensd.ca/en/>

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

# EXAMEN NATIONAL DES SPÉCIALITÉS DENTAIRES – RENSEIGNEMENTS ET RESSOURCES CLÉS

## Quelques informations clés concernant l'examen national de spécialité dentaire de 2025.



### 1. Frais d'examen

L'objectif est de rendre le processus d'examen accessible à tous les candidat.e.s admissibles, en veillant à ce que les contraintes financières ne nuisent pas à leurs aspirations. **Les frais suivants seront exigés pour les examens de 2025 :**

- **Frais d'inscription – 500 \$**
- **Frais d'examen – 5 500 \$**

### 2. Dates d'administration de l'ENSD – 2025 et 2026

Après une planification méticuleuse et une consultation des intervenant.e.s, les périodes d'inscription à l'ENSD et les dates d'administration pour 2025 et 2026 ont été finalisées :

#### • **ENSD 2025**

- Période d'inscription à l'ENSD – du 7 janvier au 17 mars 2025
- Administration de l'ENSD – 10 juin 2025 (à l'exception de la Radiologie buccale et maxillo-faciale)
- Administration de l'ENSD – 11 juin 2025 (seulement la Radiologie buccale et maxillo-faciale)

#### • **ENSD 2026**

- Période d'inscription à l'ENSD – du 6 janvier au 16 mars 2026
- Administration de l'ENSD – 2 juin 2026 (à l'exception de la Radiologie buccale et maxillo-faciale)
- Administration de l'ENSD – 3 juin 2026 (seulement la Radiologie buccale et maxillo-faciale)

Des renseignements sur le format de chacun des examens 2025 de spécialité sont disponible sur la page Ressources de l'ENSD.

<https://ndse-ensd.ca/fr/ressources/>

De plus amples renseignements sur les processus de dépôts des candidatures et d'inscription à l'ENSD pour 2025 sont disponible sur la page Ressources de l'ENSD. <https://ndse-ensd.ca/fr/ressources/>

Nous encourageons fortement tous les candidat.e.s potentiel.le.s à se familiariser avec les documents ci-haut mentionnés.

### 3. Site Web de l'ENSD

Le Collège royal des dentistes du Canada a mis en place un site Web dédié à l'Examen national des spécialités dentaires pour aider les candidat.e.s à s'y retrouver dans le cadre de l'ENSD. Le site Web comprend les renseignements suivants, sans toutefois s'y limiter :

- Plans directeurs de l'ENSD
- Processus d'inscription à l'examen
- Renseignements sur les différentes spécialités
- Dates et ressources importantes

De plus, si vous n'avez pas assisté au webinaire d'information tenu le 27 novembre 2024, vous pouvez regarder l'enregistrement ici <https://ndse-ensd.ca/fr/webinaires-et-infolettres/>.

Nous vous remercions de votre dévouement et de votre engagement à participer à l'ENSD. Si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec notre équipe de soutien à [ndse@rcdc.ca](mailto:ndse@rcdc.ca).

Vous trouverez de plus amples informations à l'adresse suivante: <https://ndse-ensd.ca/fr/>

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

## NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTICS (ACP)

The American College of Prosthodontists honored the recipients of the **2024 Awards of Distinction** during the Annual Awards & President's Dinner held at the 54th Annual Session of the ACP on Nov. 8 in Marco Island, FL. These awards honor individuals that have made significant contributions to the College and the specialty. Recognizing extraordinary collegiality, outreach, and community service, the **Private Practice Prosthodontist Award** for Region 7 was awarded to APC member **Dr. Izchak Barzilay**. **Congratulations!**



Canadian Residents and Program directors who attended the ACP meeting in FL.

### John J Sharry Award

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Amira Fouda who was awarded third place in the prestigious John J Sharry Research Competition at the 2024 ACP Annual Session. Dr. Fouda is a combined MSc and Diploma in Prosthodontics candidate at UBC.



### 2024-26 APC Executive at American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics (or AAMP if short of space) in Naples, Florida



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

## CANADA NIGHT AT APC

Another successful APC hosted cocktail reception during the APC meeting was held in the Korals lobby bar of the JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort

Over 18 RSVPs were received for this popular event.



Dr. Igor Pesun VP of APC and Dr. Doug Benting the president of the American College of Prosthodontics



Dr. Ansgar Cheng FRCDC from Singapore and Dr. Edmond Pow, Prosthodontic program director from the University of Hong Kong.



Dr. Caroline Nygen Treasurer of the APC and Dr. Izack Barzilay winner of the private practice Award for Region 7 (International)



Dr. Eszter Somogyi-Ganss and Beatrice Leoung of the U of Toronto



Grad Prostho Program directors Dr. Igor Pesun University of Manitoba and Dr. Eszter Somogyi-Ganss University of Toronto



## UBC FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ASSOCIATION OF PROSTHODONTISTS OF CANADA AWARD

On behalf of the UBC Faculty of Dentistry, we are thrilled to share that **Dr. Alex Burk**, MSc/Pros Year 1 student, has been selected to receive the **Association of Prosthodontists of Canada Award for Academic Achievement** in recognition of their achievements in the 2023-24 academic year.

Each year, more than 90 students benefit from our awards portfolio. By recognizing their hard work and achievements, the portfolio not only celebrates success, but also helps alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with tuition, fees and cost of living. Awards empower our students to pursue their studies with confidence, knowing their efforts are acknowledged and valued. As a longstanding faculty member myself, who also has the privilege to serve as Dean *pro tem*, I have seen firsthand the benefits that awards bring to students. The support provided through awards play 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.

This is also a special year for the Faculty, celebrating our 60th Anniversary and the launch the new **Dentistry Student Wellness Fund** that provides a unique mechanism for support to our students outside of the awards program to help them tackle real-time issues such as food insecurity, improving physical health and mindfulness. This is an important step towards helping our students reach their full potential as future oral health care professionals, researchers, educators and community advocates.

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

Sincerely,  
 Andrea Esteves, DDS, MSc.  
 Dean, Pro Tem  
 UBC Faculty of Dentistry

## UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

The University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, Graduate Program in Prosthodontics is starting its seventh year of operation the successful results of the Royal College of Dentists Fellowship exam again this year. **Congratulations Dr. Paul Mikhail.**

The Graduate Prosthodontic program will be moving to a new clinical facility within the next three years as the University of Manitoba and the government of Manitoba has approved the building of new clinical facilities for the undergraduate and graduate dental programs. The Graduate Programs are very excited for this allows for all of the graduate programs to be on the same floor allowing for even better collaborations between the programs rather than being spread over 3 floors of the current building. As with any building project the funds provided will only cover part of the costs of the building and a fundraising campaign has begun. We are accepting gifts to the Dr. Lorne E. MacLachlan Charitable Trust in support of our program. Your investment will contribute to these new clinical facilities, and state of the art technology for our patients and prosthodontic residents. To contribute, please visit us online at: <http://give.umanitoba.ca/LorneEdgarMcLachlanCharitableTrust>

University of Manitoba graduates and New RCDC Chief Examiner for Prosthodontics Fellows **Dr. Paul Mikhail** (top) and **Dr. Ana Schettini** (bottom) with their program Director, **Dr. Igor Pesun**.



# NEW UBC FACULTY OF DENTISTRY LIFETIME DONOR RECOGNITION WALL

Dear Association of Prosthodontics,

As we near the end of UBC Dentistry's 60th anniversary, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible support, generosity and impact you have made as a cherished member of our donor community.

Unfortunately, a special package acknowledging your contribution and announcing the new **UBC Faculty of Dentistry Lifetime Donor Recognition Wall** has been waylaid due to the Canada Post strike.

We hope you receive it soon. In the meantime, I invite you to view a short video created in honour of our UBC Dentistry donors and as an unveiling of the new **Lifetime Donor Recognition Wall**.



Watch the unveiling video



As a generous donor, you continue to make a difference—thank you for being part of our past and future! I invite you to stop by and see your plaque in the patient reception area, or please reach out if I can provide you with a tour.

**Jane Merling**

Associate Dean, Development, Alumni & Communication  
UBC Faculty of Dentistry

# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## NEW GRADUATE DIRECTOR IN PROSTHODONTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



**Dr. Eszter Somogyi-Ganss** graduated as a dentist at Semmelweis University of Medicine, Budapest, Hungary. After completing her studies, she was awarded a scholarship to study at the Karolinska Institute for 6 months, but extended her stay to complete a PhD in basic sciences at the Center for Oral Biology in Stockholm, Sweden. She continued her education at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry and completed a specialty training and an MSc in Prosthodontics. Following that, she was accepted to the MD Anderson Maxillofacial Prosthodontics and Oral Oncology Fellowship Program, where she has gained a solid foundation for her future career. After completion of the MD Anderson program, she had returned to Canada and now works as a full time Associate Professor in Prosthodontics at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry. She is also a clinical associate for Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, as well as Clinical and Research Director for the Craniofacial Prosthetic Unit at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, the Canadian Chair of the International Team for Implantology, a Board member of the Canadian Association of Hospital Dentists and Association of Prosthodontists of Canada. She has numerous peer-reviewed publications in the field of Prosthodontics and lectures extensively internationally.

When Dr. Somogyi-Ganss took over as the Director of the Graduate Program, her primary goals were to make clinical treatments more efficient, to expand the digital component of the program and to further deepen collaborations within disciplines. During her tenure, the number of patients treated has more than doubled and the residents have been using both analog and digital methods during their training, for the latter employing various intraoral scanners and 3D printers. The program will soon be implementing a dynamic navigation system for implant placement, as well as photogrammetry for data acquisition. To further collaborations, a Perio-Pros treatment planning seminar was established and the residents will be participating in an International Treatment Planning initiative together with several Universities around the world. Dr. Somogyi-Ganss would like the U of T Pros Program to carry on Professor George Zarb's vision of prosthodontic leadership among the specialties.

# INTRODUCING THE FIRST-YEAR RESIDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO GRADUATE PROSTHODONTICS PROGRAM



**Dr. Dana Jafarpour** obtained her DDS degree from Shiraz University of Medical Sciences. Following her dental degree, she pursued her passion for research, completing a Ph.D. in Oral Health Sciences at McGill University. Throughout her academic journey, she demonstrated academic excellence, becoming a recipient of several prestigious awards and scholarships, including the Vanier Scholarship, the Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Santé (FRQS), and RSBO scholarships, along with numerous excellence awards. Her research interests center on optimization of dental materials and rehabilitation of completely edentulous patients using digital technologies.

Dr. Jafarpour has authored and peer-reviewed a vast number of academic papers and articles. Her passion for prosthodontics and commitment to improving patient care led her to enroll in the prosthodontics program at the University of Toronto. With her goal of becoming a clinician-scientist, Dr. Jafarpour aims to bridge the gap between research and clinical practice, utilizing her expertise to innovate and elevate the standard of care in prosthodontics.

## Dr. Yuval Peled

After earning his DMD from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Dentistry, Dr. Yuval Peled developed a passion for Prosthodontics, which led him to pursue residency at a top-tier institution. As part of this journey, he completed an MSc research program at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry under the supervision of Dr. Yoav Finer and co-supervision of Dr. Michael Glogauer. His research focused on the interactions between neutrophils (white blood cells) and methacrylate resin-based composites and adhesives.

During his academic journey, Dr. Peled was recognized for his excellence with awards such as the Canadian Association for Dental Research (CADR) and Network for Canadian Oral Health Research (NCOHR) Award, the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST), and the Mervyn Gornitsky Post-Doctoral Research Project Fund by the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada. He has also presented his research at several national and international conferences.

Dr. Peled believes that being a well-rounded clinician requires a scientific mindset—asking the right questions and investigating the underlying mechanisms of clinical phenomena. Following the completion of his research project, he began his Prosthodontics specialty program at the University of Toronto, where he continues to be driven by a passion for patient communication and education, orchestrating tailored treatment plans, and addressing comprehensive clinical cases in dental practice.



University of Toronto graduates and New RCDC Fellows Dr. Majid Zakeri (left) and Dr. Jesse Barker (right) with Dr. Christine Corbeil, Chief Examiner for RCDC and Dr. Igor Pesun, University of Manitoba Program Director

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