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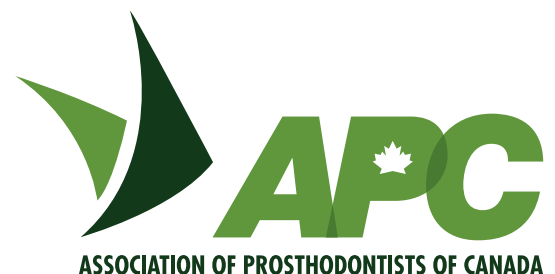
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dr. David Chvartzaid
President, APC

LEADERSHIP IN PROSTHODONTICS

The strength of an organization is based on many factors including the number of constituents, their individual commitment, and group cohesiveness. Regrettably, forces also exist that want to pull organizations apart and undermine them. In the last few months, we have seen examples of organizational strength and organizational division among dental specialists in Canada.

Earlier this year, the National Dental Examination Board of Canada (NDEB) indicated that it will no longer provide the National Dental Specialty Exam (NDSE) beyond 2022. As a result, the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF) debated the future of the NDSE which included the possibility of its discontinuation. Recognizing the importance of the NDSE, numerous Canadian dental specialists and Canadian specialty organizations raised alarm and advocated for the importance of continuation of the NDSE. The APC wrote to CDRAF as well as its provincial and territorial counterparts expressing our membership's unequivocal support for the critically important national standard for dental specialty licensure. The APC urged the CDRAF to continue to work with its national partners to find a solution to the present crisis with the NDSE administration.

Also earlier this year, the Canadian Association of Orthodontists unilaterally discontinued its relationship with the Canadian Dental Specialists Association (CDSA). The CDSA is dedicated to the representation and advancement of the Canadian Dental Specialties. Recent examples of the hard work of the CDSA included engagement with CDA and CDSPI regarding the dramatic changes to the malpractice insurance, representing our collective interests to other dental organizations in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, and providing a unified voice for dental specialists during the ongoing debate around the NDSE. As a national voice of dental specialists and dental specialist in Canada, the CDSA has always provided a forum for dental specialists to work together. The withdrawal of the orthodontic specialty from the Canadian Dental Specialists association undermined the CDSA's ability to represent the interests of all dental specialists and specialties. The APC wrote to the CDSA encouraging all dental specialties to recognize the value of CDSA and to continue to work together to advance our collective national goals. The APC recognized that the financial support of the CDSA by all dental specialties is critical in allowing CDSA to function effectively.

These examples of organizational unity and division, remind us that it is only as a unified and cohesive group and in partnership with other dental specialty organizations that Canadian prosthodontists, who are a vocal but small and geographically dispersed group, will be able to achieve impact on a provincial and national scale. The APC was pleased to see many Canadian prosthodontists as speakers and attendees at our 2021 Spring Online Symposium and our 2021 national meeting in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics which was also held online due to COVID. This year, we look forward to seeing all of you in person at our national meeting in conjunction with the JDIQ (Journées dentaires internationales du Québec) in Montreal on Monday May 30, 2022. ■

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La force d'une organisation repose sur de nombreux facteurs, notamment le nombre de ses membres, leur engagement individuel et la cohésion du groupe. Malheureusement, il existe aussi des forces qui veulent séparer les organisations et les miner. Au cours des derniers mois, nous avons vu des exemples de force organisationnelle et de division organisationnelle parmi les spécialistes dentaires au Canada.

Plus tôt cette année, le Bureau national d'examen dentaire du Canada (BNED) a indiqué qu'il n'offrirait plus l'examen national de spécialité dentaire (ENSD) après 2022. Par conséquent, la Fédération canadienne des organismes de réglementation dentaire (FCORD) a débattu de l'avenir de l'ENSD, y compris de la possibilité de son abandon. Reconnaisant l'importance de l'ECNHD, de nombreux spécialistes dentaires canadiens et organisations de spécialité canadiennes ont tiré la sonnette d'alarme et ont défendu l'importance de la poursuite de l'ECNHD. Le CPA a écrit à la CDRAF ainsi qu'à ses homologues provinciaux et territoriaux pour leur faire part de l'appui sans équivoque de ses membres à l'égard de cette norme nationale d'importance cruciale pour l'obtention d'un permis d'exercice de la spécialité dentaire. L'APC a exhorté le CDRAF à continuer à travailler avec ses partenaires nationaux pour trouver une solution à la crise actuelle avec l'administration du NDSE.

Également plus tôt cette année, l'Association canadienne des orthodontistes a unilatéralement mis fin à sa relation avec l'Association canadienne des spécialistes dentaires (ACDS). L'ASCD se consacre à la représentation et à l'avancement des spécialités dentaires canadiennes. Parmi les exemples récents du travail acharné de l'ACED, citons l'engagement auprès de l'ADC et du CDSPI concer-

nant les changements dramatiques apportés à l'assurance contre la faute professionnelle, la représentation de nos intérêts collectifs auprès d'autres organisations dentaires en ce qui concerne la pandémie de COVID-19, et l'offre d'une voix unifiée pour les spécialistes dentaires au cours du débat actuel sur le NDSE. En tant que voix nationale des spécialistes dentaires et des spécialistes dentaires au Canada, l'ACED a toujours fourni un forum permettant aux spécialistes dentaires de travailler ensemble. Le retrait de la spécialité orthodontique de l'Association canadienne des spécialistes dentaires a miné la capacité de l'ACED à représenter les intérêts de tous les spécialistes et spécialités dentaires. L'APC a écrit à la CDSA pour encourager toutes les spécialités dentaires à reconnaître la valeur de la CDSA et à continuer à travailler ensemble pour faire avancer nos objectifs nationaux collectifs. L'APC a reconnu que le soutien financier de la CDSA par toutes les spécialités dentaires est essentiel pour permettre à la CDSA de fonctionner efficacement.

Ces exemples d'unité et de division organisationnelles nous rappellent que ce n'est qu'en tant que groupe unifié et cohésif et en partenariat avec d'autres organisations de spécialités dentaires que les prosthodontistes canadiens, qui constituent un groupe vocal mais petit et géographiquement dispersé, pourront avoir un impact à l'échelle provinciale et nationale. L'APC a été heureuse de voir de nombreux prosthodontistes canadiens comme conférenciers et participants à notre symposium en ligne du printemps 2021 et à notre réunion nationale de 2021 conjointement avec la Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics, qui s'est également tenue en ligne grâce à COVID. Cette année, nous avons hâte de vous voir tous en personne à notre réunion nationale en conjonction avec les JDIQ (Journées dentaires internationales du Québec) à Montréal le lundi 30 mai 2022. ■



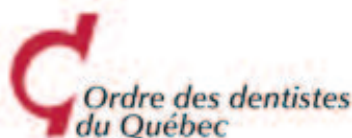
2022 APC Annual General Meeting

The 2022 AGM will take place in person again in 2022 in May.

It will be 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 in person meeting from May 27-31.

Our AGM meeting will be held during the JDIQ meeting. Exact date and time TBA. Please check the APC website and look for emailed announcements in early 2022. Only Active and Life members are entitled to vote, but Student, Non-Resident member and Honorary members are welcome to attend.

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 MEETING:**
APC 50th Anniversary
Meeting in Toronto in

2023

**2021 Annual General
Meeting of the APC was held
online on June 24th in
conjunction with the Pacific
Coast Society for
Prosthodontics Virtual
Meeting.**



EDITORIAL



Dr. Kieth E. Manning
Vice President, APC

COVID DRAMATICALLY DISRUPTS GLOBAL INSURANCE

Historically, the renewal of your malpractice insurance was routine, with policy features, limits and premiums presented with little to no changes to coverage over the years. Unfortunately, COVID has dramatically disrupted the global insurance market for all people and businesses. The pandemic has had a significant impact on the industry with insurance companies redefining what risk exposures they are willing to underwrite, the terms, the policy limits and policy premiums. Further, industry reports suggest that we are just beginning to feel the effects of these changes.

The following significant changes have been discussed and may present as a reality to the dental profession and **should concern all prosthodontists.**

1. The withdrawal of any availability for “legal expense” coverage.
2. A significant reduction of aggregate Personal Liability/Malpractice coverage from \$75 million to \$25 million. Note it is certainly possible for potential claims to reach this level especially for those working in a hospital setting.
3. The elimination of Pandemic coverage.
4. The reduction in liability coverage for complications related to “infections” or “common oral diseases” to \$1 million. **Recognize this is more a concern for oral surgeons but has become increasing important to many Prosthodontists involved in an array of surgical procedures.**
5. The Contagious Diseases Exclusion to all liability coverages and endorsements arising from a contagious disease (any disease which can be transmitted by means of any substance or agent.)
6. Substantive alteration and revision/removal of office loss coverage specifics within “Triple Guard” insurance.
7. Significant concerns related to the application of “Frequent Flyers” and premium escalations related to frequency of claims. Recognize that specialists can get caught in this initiative related to claims action and specialists serving as remediators. This can result in the mediator specialist named in the file resulting in a file opened as a claims event naming the mediator specialist.

Again, the above changes are substantive and should be of concern to all prosthodontists. The reduction in the level of coverage or deletion of coverage could potentially expose personal assets through the potentially inadequate insurance coverage provided by CDSPI. The above information should encourage all prosthodontists to **become more aware of their malpractice coverage and resources available to them.** CDSPI has completed a dedicated landing page of all resources pertaining to this topic. The new website landing page contains information for those applying for malpractice, to videos on best practices to protect against malpractice suits, to Q & A's on changes to their 2021 coverage. <https://www.cdsapi.com/insurance/malpractice/>

Sincere gratitude to Dr. Christopher Robinson for his help in providing this updated information. (Dr. Robinson has many credits to his name but notably is the Past Chair, CDA Committee on Specialist Affairs - COSA) ■

ÉDITORIAL:



Dr. Kieth E. Manning
vice-président de
l'Association des
prosthodontistes du
Canada

COVID PERTURBE RADICALEMENT L'ASSURANCE MONDIALE

Historiquement, le renouvellement de votre assurance contre les fautes professionnelles était routinier, les caractéristiques de la police, les limites et les primes étant présentées avec peu ou pas de changements de couverture au fil des ans. Malheureusement, la COVID a radicalement perturbé le marché mondial de l'assurance pour toutes les personnes et les entreprises. La pandémie a eu un impact significatif sur le secteur, les compagnies d'assurance redéfinissant les risques qu'elles sont prêtes à souscrire, les conditions, les limites et les primes des polices. De plus, les rapports de l'industrie suggèrent que nous commençons tout juste à ressentir les effets de ces changements.

Les changements significatifs suivants ont été discutés et pourraient se présenter comme une réalité pour la profession dentaire et devraient concerner tous les prosthodontistes.

1. Le retrait de toute possibilité de couverture pour les "frais juridiques".
2. Une réduction importante de la couverture globale de la responsabilité personnelle et de la faute professionnelle, qui passe de 75 millions de dollars à 25 millions de dollars. Notez qu'il est certainement possible que les réclamations potentielles atteignent ce niveau, surtout pour ceux qui travaillent dans un milieu hospitalier.
3. L'élimination de la couverture en cas de pandémie.
4. La réduction de la couverture de la responsabilité pour les complications liées aux "infections" ou aux "maladies buccales courantes" à 1 million de dollars. Nous reconnaissons que cette question concerne davantage les chirurgiens buccaux, mais qu'elle est devenue de plus en plus importante pour de nombreux prosthodontistes qui pratiquent toute une gamme de procédures chirurgicales.
5. L'exclusion des maladies contagieuses à toutes les garanties et avenants de responsabilité civile découlant d'une maladie contagieuse (toute maladie qui peut être transmise au moyen d'une substance ou d'un agent).
6. Modification de fond et révision/suppression des spécificités de la couverture des pertes de bureau dans le cadre de l'assurance "Triple Guard".
7. Préoccupations importantes liées à l'application de l'assurance "Frequent Flyers" et aux augmentations de primes liées à la fréquence des sinistres. Reconnaître que les spécialistes peuvent être pris dans cette initiative liée à l'action sur les sinistres et les spécialistes servant de correcteurs. Il peut en résulter que le spécialiste de la remédiation soit nommé dans le dossier, ce qui entraîne l'ouverture d'un dossier en tant qu'événement de réclamation nommant le spécialiste de la remédiation.

Encore une fois, les changements ci-dessus sont substantiels et devraient préoccuper tous les prosthodontistes. La réduction du niveau de couverture ou la suppression de la couverture pourrait potentiellement exposer les biens personnels par le biais de la couverture d'assurance potentiellement inadéquate fournie par le CDSPI. Les informations ci-dessus devraient encourager tous les prosthodontistes à être plus conscients de leur couverture contre la faute professionnelle et des ressources à leur disposition. Le CDSPI a complété une page de renvoi dédiée à toutes les ressources relatives à ce sujet. La nouvelle page de renvoi du site web contient des informations pour ceux qui font une demande d'assurance contre la faute professionnelle, des vidéos sur les meilleures pratiques pour se protéger contre les poursuites pour faute professionnelle, des questions et réponses sur les changements de leur couverture 2021. <https://www.cdspi.com/insurance/malpractice/>

Nous remercions sincèrement le Dr Christopher Robinson pour son aide dans la mise à jour de ces informations. (Le Dr Robinson a de nombreuses références à son nom, mais il est notamment l'ancien président du Comité des affaires spécialisées de l'ACD - COSA). ■

ROYAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS (RCDC) FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION WORKSHOP

This weekend, a great group of Canadian and International prosthodontists delivered an online exam for fellowship in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada to the next generation of prosthodontists.



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UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL DENTAL SPECIALTY EXAMINATION (NDSE)

APC EXECUTIVE AT WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS

ASSOCIATION OF PROSTHODONTISTS OF CANADA EXECUTIVE RESPONDS TO CONCERNS THAT THE NATIONAL DENTAL SPECIALTY EXAMINATION MEASURING BASIC ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCY, IS AT RISK OF BEING ELIMINATED. THE APC EXECUTIVE HAS DRAFTED AND DELIVERED THE

July 1, 2021

To Dr. Maurice Coady, Chair
Dr. Jack Gerrow, Executive Director
Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF)
6 Crescent Road, Toronto, ON, M4W1T1

It has come to the attention of the Executive of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada (APC) that the CDRAF is again confronting the challenges involved in administering the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE). Apparently, the National Dental Examination Board (NDEB) has found administering this year's NDSE financially difficult.

The minutes of the recent CDRAF meeting on Apr. 23, 2021 state that "NDEB advised CDRAF that it will not be financially feasible to continue to administer NDSE [beyond 2022]"¹. Minutes of previous CDRAF meetings indicate that "the [CDRAF] Working Group decided that the RCDC should not continue to administer the National Dental Specialty Examination beyond 2019 ... [as] CDRAF has lost confidence in RCDC administering the examination"².

Furthermore, concerns have been expressed by CDRAF regarding "RCDC governance structure ... [since] [f]or provinces that have a Fairness Commissioner, any connection with membership advocacy [by RCDC] is seen as a conflict"³. It appears that neither of the two organizations that delivered the Canadian NDSE in recent years may be able to continue to do so either because the organization lacks support of CDRAF (in the case of the RCDC) or because the organization does not find it fiscally feasible (in the case of the NDEB).

The APC is keenly aware of the difficulties inherent in the administration of this national basic competency examination for Specialty licensure. The APC understands that meeting these challenges is not a simple matter, and we are writing to the CDRAF to voice our membership's unequivocal support for a national standard for Dental Specialty licensure. We want to be part of the solution to these challenges.

The APC is concerned that the difficulties associated with the provision of the NDSE – a critical element in the chain of credentialing and licensure that ensures a minimum standard of public safety – will lead to the failure of a national licensing standard. In this event, the Canadian public will lose the protection afforded by the Canadian national specialty standards as assessed through standardised NDSE.

The APC believes that continued NDSE administration is essential and achievable, and we offer full support for maintaining the critically important national standard for Dental Specialty licensure in Canada regardless of who provides the NDSE. The APC urges the CDRAF to continue to work with its national partners to find a solution to the present crisis with NDSE administration.

Sincerely,
APC executive
Respectfully submitted by



Dr. David Chvartzsайд – President of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada

¹ Minutes of meeting of the CDRAF Board of directors. Apr. 23, 2021. p 6.

² Minutes of meeting of the CDRAF Board of directors. Dec. 7, 2018. p 5.

³ Minutes of meeting of the CDRAF Board of directors. Sept. 5, 2018. p 3.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The 2020 NDEB Annual Report can be read on the APC website by visiting the Minutes & Bylaws page in the Members section of the site (login required).

THE CANADIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION JOINS CANADIAN PAIN TASK FORCE IN CALLING FOR ACTION ON CHRONIC PAIN

“ Three to 12% of Canadians suffer from orofacial pain, a condition characterized by the chronic presence of pain of the face, jaw joints and jaws. For many of these individuals, their dentist is the best person to help them manage that pain through a combination of approaches which may or may not include using medication,” says Dr. Benoit Soucy, Director of Clinical and Scientific Affairs at CDA. “Since there is no one-size-fits all approach to oral health treatment and pain management, patients are always encouraged to keep their dentist up to date on any changes in their health or current medications, and to talk about various options to safely manage pain based on their individual circumstances.” ”

May 6, 2021 - Ottawa, ON - The Canadian Dental Association (CDA) welcomes the final report by the Canadian Pain Task Force, An Action Plan for Pain in Canada, released to the public on May 5, 2021 by Health Canada. The report lays out numerous recommendations to improve outcomes for the nearly eight million Canadians living with chronic pain and calls for national action to reduce pain's impact on individuals, families, communities, and society.

CDA joins leading pain and pain-related organizations, institutions, and advocates across the country to support the recommendations in An Action Plan for Pain in Canada and to call for their implementation. The Canadian Pain Task Force was formed by the Government of Canada in April 2019 to assess the current state of pain in Canada and to recommend an improved approach to addressing pain in our country. An Action Plan for Pain in Canada is the third and final report from the Canadian Pain Task Force.

The report makes dozens of targeted recommendations in support of its calls for:

1. National leadership to make pain a public health priority.

2. Equitable access to timely, evidence-based, and person-centred pain care and supports for all Canadians, no matter where they live.
3. Improved education for health professionals, the public, and people with pain in order to improve pain management and reduce stigma.
4. Further investments in research on pain and pain treatments and better support for translating new knowledge into real world impact.
5. Improved data collection to effectively monitor pain and its impacts.
6. Equitable access to care and support for communities disproportionately impacted by pain, including Indigenous peoples, racialized communities, LGBTQ2S+ communities, people who use drugs, people with mental illness, people with disabilities, workers, children and youth, women, people who are incarcerated, and veterans.

For more information about pain management for oral pain and care for minor oral health surgery, please visit www.cda-adc.ca

CDA WORKING ON THE BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERSHIP

Capital Cost Allowances and Grants to Offset Expenses to Enhance Workplace Safety and Patient Care Areas

The CDA recommends the Federal Government provide capital cost allowances to help defray the capital expenses involved in enhancing the safety of workspaces and patient care areas in health care offices, as well as grants to encourage offices to continue enhancing these areas.

Dental/Prosthodontic offices were required to adapt to new or interim regulatory regimes in the wake of COVID-19. For many offices, this required making physical changes to their offices to ensure that they could provide enhanced levels of protection to their patients and their staff, including creating separation between patients, retrofitting dental operatories or addressing airflow within the office, among other issues. These issues are

especially relevant to Prosthodontics Offices in the sense that many prosthodontic services involve the generation of aerosols.

An ability to recapture some of these costs through capital cost allowance would help to address and alleviate some short-term challenges that frontline health care professionals face in ensuring Canadians' health and well-being throughout the pandemic. These should be retroactive to the start of 2020, or at least March 1, 2020. As the response to the current crisis continues to evolve, and as a protective measure for future public health emergencies, a grant for new enhancements to health care providers' offices would help them to adapt their physical spaces. These grants could also act as continued economic stimulus to the broader economy.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTICS (ACP)

ACP National Prosthodontics Awareness Week Advocacy and Promotion of the Specialty of Prosthodontics

A common thread of discussions and reports from current and past presidents of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada (APC) and other international prosthodontic professional organizations is the need for a greater awareness and visibility of the specialty of prosthodontics. This strategy supports a greater overarching goal of improving communication and collaboration across the broader dental clinical platform, and the community as a whole.

We recognize the importance and significant efforts of the APC to represent the Canadian Prosthodontist in multiple spheres of our profession. The APC has taken the initiative to support and encourage a culture of enhanced communication and engagement through its ongoing webinar-based CE courses and open communications with all Canadian prosthodontists. These initiatives create a foundational platform for all current and future APC members to further connect and enhance our efforts and communications to promote our specialty beyond the dental community.

Epidemiological and consensus data shows that Canada's population has been aging for 40 years. We have reached a milestone in the history of Canada where our seniors (aged 65 and older) outnumber our children aged 0-14 years with the gap continuing to widen (Statistics Canada, 2018). The aging population is a global phenomenon and an associated oral trend is the decrease in complete edentulism. This translates into more complex fixed-removable treatment needs for our aging cohort of patients who will greatly benefit from comprehensive and collaborative treatment approaches. Despite an overlap of dental service provision with other dental professionals, the scope and depth of diagnostics, comprehensive care and treatment options are often not fully grasped by our dental colleagues and the community.

As a member of the ACP NPAW (American College of Prosthodontics, National Prosthodontics Awareness Week) Committee, I have observed a passion and drive amongst prosthodontic clinicians and academia to advocate for and promote our specialty. Prosthodontics is still poorly understood. An NPAW social media post for the

2019 National Prosthodontics Weeks read: "if I had a nickel for every time I was asked what is a prosthodontist?" Many can identify with this sentiment. In 2019, as part of the NPAW initiative, Dr. Samantha Rawdin went on to the streets of New York, randomly asking people if they knew what a prosthodontist is. Two of the eight interviewees could accurately and confidently say what this profession is. We recognize we have work to do to promote awareness of the skills of and services provided by our specialty.

The aging population is a global phenomenon and an associated oral trend is the decrease in complete edentulism

Prosthodontists take the lead in implementing innovative technologies, supporting research and education to provide best evidence-based treatment strategies. Our profession is constantly shifting the boundaries of what is possible; we change the status quo, and we are best trained to confidently do so. These strengths should be celebrated and (continually) shared with our colleagues, our community, and our current and future members. A celebration of what we do and what we have to offer can only benefit the profession and the larger community. A greater public awareness of the scope of prosthodontic treatment and the skills and credentials of our specialty will serve our community well. Let us be creative in our efforts to work together as APC members and Canadian prosthodontists to advocate for and promote this amazing profession and all it has to offer.

October 25, 2020
Charlene. S Solomon

ACP NEWS

Increase in scam emails received by some ACP members



Some ACP members have reported an increase in fraudulent emails appearing to come from the ACP, specifically soliciting donations through GoFundMe, PayPal, or other non-ACP websites. Please know that the College would never solicit members in this manner.

If you happen to receive an email like this do not engage, instead report it as spam or contact your email provider. Unfortunately scams like this are very common, so it is essential to review best practices for recognizing potentially harmful emails. You can read more on how to protect yourself from these malicious attacks via the Federal Trade Commission [website](#):

Being actively alert against these harmful tactics will ensure that your information remains safe, so we encourage you to be mindful when opening emails even if they appear to come from trusted sources. If you are ever unsure about an email from the College or one of our leaders, you can always reach out to acp@prosthodontics.org



CDRI Digital Workflow (DDW) Survey



CDRI (www.cdri-icrd.ca) is a not-for-profit corporation and an accredited Public Research Center by the Quebec Government since 1990. Its mission is the advancement of Dental Research in Canada.

Dentists are invited to voice their concerns & needs regarding shaping the future of DDW. Artificial Intelligence, Big Data analysis, Machine Learning and Robotics are being introduced in all aspects of healthcare services. Dentistry will also benefit from these productivity tools. It is highly desirable that dentists should positively impact how DDW is developed in line with their professional goals.

[CDRI Survey Registration Form Link:](#)

Sondage ICRD - Workflow dentaire numérique (WDN)

L'ICRD (www.cdri-icrd.ca) est une corporation à but non lucratif et un Centre de recherche public accrédité par le Gouvernement du Québec depuis 1990. Sa mission est l'avancement de la recherche dentaire au Canada.

Les dentistes sont invités à partager leurs préoccupations et leurs attentes afin d'influencer le développement du WDN. L'Intelligence artificielle, l'analyse des mega-données, l'apprentissage machine et la robotique ont fait leurs apparitions dans de nombreux services de santé. La dentisterie bénéficiera aussi de ces outils de productivité. Il est grandement souhaitable que l'apport des dentistes puisse positivement influencer le développement du WDN en tenant compte de leurs objectifs professionnels.

[Lien au Formulaire d'inscription pour ce sondage de l'ICRD:](#)

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* !

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS



Captain Paul Mikhail

I am a member of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. I joined the armed forces in my first year of dental school at UBC in April 2009.

I completed a Bsc at the University of Manitoba in 2008 and graduated from UBC with a DMD in 2012. I served in Ottawa after my graduation, from 2012 to 2014 and then in Shilo from 2014 to 2021.

I started the graduate prosthodontics program at University of Manitoba in August of 2021. I have come to fully appreciate my passion in prosthodontics in recent years from the influence of enthusiastic prosthodontists that I have met throughout my career. I most enjoy treatment planning, the delicate balancing of patient's needs and expectations, as well as the lab work involved in the profession. After graduating from prosthodontics in 2024, I plan to continue serving

Canada through services at the Royal Canadian Dental Corps and hope to contribute to the prosthodontics community.

I am married to a most supportive wife, Teresa, and we are blessed with 3 awesome kids. I most enjoy spending time with my family, and when I do have time for hobbies, I like to sail and put my planning skills to use in fine woodworkings.



Dr. Mohammed Alsammarraie

Dr. Alsammarraie currently resides in Vancouver, BC where he is an MSc prosthodontic resident at UBC (2021-2024). His dental degree (BDS) was obtained at the College of Dentistry/University of Baghdad in 2010 followed by an MFD RCSI (2016), and MGDS RCSI (2017).

Mohammed's interests include Occlusion and articulation, occlusal rehabilitations, TMJ medicine, and other emerging fields such as sleep dentistry and obstructive sleep apnea.

Plans for after graduation are to pursue a combined academic career in teaching and research and to run a practice limited to prosthodontics in Canada.

UBC GRAD PROSTHO RESIDENTS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES!



UBC grad prosthodontics students star in a creative video to introduce themselves to their peers in APC & ACP. A challenge sent to the U of T and U Manitoba students perhaps?

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UBC FACULTY OF DENTISTRY STUDENT AWARD 2020/2021



Greetings from the UBC Faculty of Dentistry,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Association of Prosthodontics for your continued support of the **Association of Prosthodontists of Canada Award for Academic Achievement**.

Our UBC Dentistry students are all outstanding, talented individuals with the ability to make a difference as future oral health care professionals, researchers and educators. The UBC Dentistry Student Awards Program not only recognizes academic achievements & student leadership but also allows our students to focus more time on their clinical studies by alleviating some financial burdens. We greatly appreciate your generosity!

On behalf of UBC Dentistry, we are thrilled to share with you the 2020/21 academic year recipient of your award: **Dr. Marijana Eic**

In gratitude,
Jane Merling (She, Her, Hers)
Assistant Dean, Development, Alumni & Communications |
Faculty of Dentistry

NEWS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY OF PROSTHODONTISTS

by Dr. Brent Winnett

The British Columbia Society of Prosthodontists (BCSP) held its Annual General Meeting this past Friday, 28 October, at the Sutton Place Hotel in Vancouver. Protracted discussion of the challenges facing professional organizations and the future of the Society took place as the membership engaged the reality that only one-quarter of BC Prosthodontists are members of the Society. It was unanimously agreed that the Society plays an important role in advocating on behalf of BC Prosthodontists, regardless of membership – perhaps even more so, under the current circumstances, when many BC Prosthodontists seem disengaged from collaborating in support of the profession. The Society will move forward, emphasizing the value of collegial interaction and collective action, and aims to grow by peer engagement rather than recruitment. The APC recognizes these challenges and supports the BCSP's efforts in retrenching, and encourages all BC Prosthodontists to reach out to the BCSP Executive to learn how they can become more involved in their profession's success and recognition.



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NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

by Dr. Anthony P.G. McCullagh, Clinical Professor, Division of Prosthodontics & Dental Geriatrics, The University of British Columbia

The UBC Digital Dentistry Facility opened in September 2021 has been a fabulous addition to the graduate dental clinic and integrated patient care this academic year. Not only will the facility further the educational mission of the faculty in exposing our graduate prosthodontics students to the latest digital technologies, it will enhance the overall ability of the students and faculty to provide the very best standard of interdisciplinary care to our patients. The facility was partially funded through the generous support of Straumann Canada in conjunction with the Dean's office at UBC and took approximately one year to plan, design and complete. The graduate prosthodontics students are quickly gaining experience in the various treatment planning software and 3D printers and are pushing hard to use the facility to it's fullest potential, incorporating and utilizing validated digital workflows throughout their patient cases.



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 – 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 following 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).

IVOCAR 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 IVOCAR VIVADENT CANADA.

NOBEL BIOCAR 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 IVOCAR 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.

THE ASSOCIATION OF PROSTHODONTISTS OF CANADA
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 Membership Renewal (January 1 - December 31, 2022)
 Formulaire de renouvellement de cotisation (1er janvier – 31 décembre 2022)

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