

**Canadian Dental Specialties Association Report  
September 13, 2015**

The Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA) is in its fourth year and has progressed from a vision to becoming the officially recognized national voice of dental specialties in Canada.

During this time we have established a strong relationship with the Canadian Dental Association (CDA). The long-standing CDA Committee on Specialists Affairs was disbanded by the CDA in 2014 and the CDSA became the recognized voice of dental specialists by the CDA. The CDSA has an annual meeting with the CDA board of directors, which has provided an excellent forum to discuss issues related to dental specialists as well as an opportunity to keep abreast of CDA goals and activities.

The CDSA also participates in teleconferences with the CDA and provincial dental association presidents from across Canada to discuss issues throughout the year. The CDSA is now a Voting Representative at the CDA Annual General Meeting and attends the annual CDA Dentistry Leaders' Forum which provides advice to CDA on issues of relevance to the dental profession. Current CDA President, Alastair Nicoll, and the entire CDA Board of Directors have been very supportive of CDSA and have made significant efforts to reach out to the CDSA and its member associations. In return, CDSA has been available to respond to many requests by CDA for input on pertinent issues.

These have included:

- 1) Input into the application by the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD) to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) for changes to the accreditation requirements for Dental Specialty Program Directors. The proposed changes were defeated.
- 2) Input into the application for recognition of dental anesthesia as specialty. Due to the complexity of this issue and the wide range of impact on each specific specialty, the CDSA executive discussed the issue at length. The decision was made that each specialty organization would formulate its own response for input. The application was unsuccessful.
- 3) Supplying nominations for special task forces such as the NIHB Task Force.
- 4) Input in several recently revised policy statements of the CDA.

CDSA representatives will attend and make a presentation at the annual council meetings of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) as well as attend portions of the board meeting of the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF) as invited observers.

Traditionally, there has been no link between the national dental specialty organizations and the provincial dental specialty associations. We have reached out to provincial dental specialty organizations and will endeavor to attend, make presentations and open dialogue at all annual provincial dental specialty meetings in order to close the gap between these organizations and the CDSA.



The objectives of the CDSA are:

- 1) To educate the public, the health professions, and other persons, bodies or agencies, on the Canadian Dental Specialties;
- 2) To identify and position the Corporation on all subjects which are of importance to the collective of Canadian National Dental Specialty Organizations, and the profession of dentistry at large;
- 3) To develop, in consultation with the Members and other stakeholders, national positions, policies and programs which are of importance to the collective of Canadian National Dental Specialty Organizations, and their respective individual dental specialist members throughout Canada and which will promote optimal oral health;
- 4) To promote the public welfare and access to care by the advancement of the Canadian Dental Specialties in the field of education, research, care delivery and professional service;
- 5) To develop programs and standards of practice at the national level, which will support the Canadian Dental Specialties, the dental profession and the interests of the public;
- 6) To develop and maintain effective national communication strategies and programs to communicate with the public and the various stakeholders on all matters within the Corporation's mandate;
- 7) To promote unity and harmony, and to cultivate fellowship and social relations among its Members and colleagues nationally and internationally; and
- 8) To effectively manage the necessary resources so as to enable the fulfilling of the Corporation's mandate.

The CDSA website (<http://www.cdsa-acsd.ca>) continues to improve and contains the mission and objectives of the CDSA, its bylaws and contact information. In the attached table, I would like to introduce you to the current CDSA Board members from each of the nine dental specialties, as well as the CDSA Executive. Please feel free to contact any of the members to discuss getting involved with the CDSA.

**CURRENT CDSA BOARD MEMBERS  
2015-2016**

<b>CDSA BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>CDSA EXECUTIVE POSITION</b>
Dr. Duncan Chambers	Association of Prosthodontists of Canada (APC)	President
Dr. Ernest Lam	Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (CAOMR)	Vice-President
Dr. Jean-Pierre Picard	Canadian Academy of Periodontology (CAP)	Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Robert Barsky	Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (CAPD)	Past-President
Dr. Grahame Usher	Canadian Academy of Endodontics (CAE)	
Dr. Frank Hohn	Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CAOMS)	
Dr. Christina McCord	Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine (CAOMP/OM)	
Dr. Carlos Quiñonez	Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry (CAPHD)	
Dr. Robert Kinniburgh	Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO)	

**A list of the Voting Representatives at the CDA Annual General Meeting**

<b>Province / Sector</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
British Columbia Dental Association (2)	Dr. David Baird Dr. Peter Lobb
Alberta Dental Association and College (2)	Dr. Terry Carlyle Dr. Larry Hodinsky
College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan (1)	Dr. Brent Dergousoff
Manitoba Dental Association (1)	Dr. Nancy Auyeung
Ontario Dental Association (4)	Dr. Rick Caldwell Dr. Victor Kutcher Dr. Jerry Smith Dr. Art Worth
New Brunswick Dental Society (1)	Dr. Kelly Manning
Nova Scotia Dental Association (1)	Dr. Graham Conrad
Dental Association of Prince Edward Island (1)	Dr. Travis McLean
Newfoundland & Labrador Dental Association (1)	Dr. Jacqueline Tucker
Northwest Territories & Nunavut Dental Association and Yukon Dental Association (1)	Dr. Richard Smith
Academics Representative (1)	Dr. Edwin Yen
Military Representative (1)	Col Dwayne Lemon
Specialist Representative (1)	Dr. Duncan Chambers

I am proud of the CDSA's accomplishments and thank the CDSA executive and board members for their efforts. I also wish to thank each of the nine national dental speciality organisations and its individual members for their support.

The CDSA has become the only national voice of the collective dental specialty organizations. Its future growth and success will depend on the active involvement of each of the nine dental specialty organisations and individual dental specialists across Canada.

Sincerely,

Duncan Chambers  
President, CDSA