

Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA) Annual Report

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The CDSA is the authoritative national voice of the collective of Canadian National Specialty organizations.

The CDSA is dedicated to the representation and advancement of:

- The Canadian dental specialties
- The profession of dentistry; and
- The achievement of optimal oral health, general health and quality of life of Canadians.

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The emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic has presented many challenges to both dental specialists and general dentists over the past few months, and will have significant changes on the future practice of dentistry in Canada. The CDSA continues to strengthen and utilize existing channels with the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) to ensure that dental specialists have the opportunity to be heard at a national level.

There has been considerable change to the landscape of dental specialty licensure within the past year. The CDSA commends the efforts and collegiality demonstrated by both the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) and the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) in order to have the new National Dental Specialties Examination (NDSE) in place for 2020.

The RCDC has announced plans to offer excellence level Fellowship Examinations for specialty candidates starting in 2020. The CDSA recognizes the tremendous amount of volunteer support provided by many of our specialist members in the development of these examinations.

Recently, CDSA Board member and 2020-2021 President, Dr. Carlos Quiñonez, completed a research project aiming to better characterize generalist-specialist relationships in Canada. The CDSA recognizes that now, more than ever, specialists must work with our generalist partners to collectively strive for excellence in patient care. The CDSA is committed to strengthening relationships between general dentists and specialists, and greatly appreciates the support that the CDA has provided in this endeavor.

The CDSA continues to offer Travel Awards to specialty trainees in Canadian specialty programs for oral presentations at international meetings. We are pleased to inform you that 10 travel awards have been granted since inception of the award in 2016, and that the Board has approved disbursement of up to four awards per calendar year. Details of the CDSA Travel Award and the application process can be found on our website.

The CDSA remains committed to the continued growth and development of our organization in order to best serve our membership, and to the ongoing importance of our relationship with key stakeholders' groups. We will continue to strive to serve as a useful resource for matters pertaining to dental specialists and the dental profession.

Respectfully submitted,

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