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DATES TO NOTE

CDHNS Council Meeting
October 22-23, 2010

**CDHNS License Fees Due
By October 31st.
Submit By October 15th!**

National Dental Hygienists' Week
April 9 - 15, 2011

CDHA Conference
and CDHNS 2011 AGM
Halifax NS
June 10 & 11, 2011



From the Desk of the Registrar

I hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing summer in Nova Scotia. Over the summer the CDHNS has been planning for the busy 2011 membership renewal period. The following items are highlights of the CDHNS activities since I last wrote in the spring Unison.

Membership

As of July 30, 2010 there were 630 members of the CDHNS who hold a practicing licence. There are 22 non practicing members. Since June 1, 2010 there have been 40 new practicing licences issued. Of these 40, 34 were new graduates, 24 of these were from Dalhousie University School of Dental Hygiene. There were four members who moved from the non practicing to the practicing status and two members moved from other provinces.

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NOVA SCOTIA

21st Provincial Conference

October 18 & 19 2010 Harbourview Holiday Inn, Dartmouth

For registration details call:

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Halifax Dental Hygiene Society Meetings

Sunday Sept. 12, 2010

Sunday Nov. 7, 2010

Venue: TBA

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You can also check www.cdhns.ca for meeting announcements

🔔 IMPORTANT 🔔

REMEMBER TO APPLY FOR S-I!

Once you have completed your self-initiation course and received a certificate from CDHA, you must submit the certificate to CDHNS with a request to be authorized to self initiate. You may submit your certificate and request by email (info@cdhns.ca), fax(902-444-7242) or by mail.

Meetings attended by registrar

Faculty of Dentistry Retreat to Curriculum Revision
Nova Scotia Health Professions Regulatory Network
CRNNS Collaborative Practice Workshop
Registrar Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia
Director School of Dental Hygiene

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Continuing Competency Event

The first Annual General Meeting of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia (CDHNS) was held on June 5, 2010 at the Empire Theatres in Dartmouth Crossing. This unusual venue was necessary to accommodate the large turn out to the Continuing Competency and AGM event. In total 220 people attended the meeting with 159 in attendance at the educational program earlier in the day. Highlights of the AGM included a slide show prepared by Terry Mitchell entitled "Through the Years". It highlights the significant events and leaders in the 47 year history of the NSDHA and the process of forming the CDHNS. Karen Wolf, Chair of the Council of the CDHNS introduced the members of Council and discussed the mission of the CDHNS as a regulatory and licensing body. The Registrar presented on the demographics of the CDHNS membership and the work of the CDHNS in its first year. A short tape from the CTV Live at Five featuring the first member of the CDHNS to deliver dental hygiene care to residents of nursing homes using mobile equipment was viewed. The auditor's report was distributed.

Plan now for the 2011 AGM which will be held in conjunction with a national CDHA Conference June 10 and 11!

NOTE: The 2010 Annual Report and the auditor's statement are available on the CDHNS website at www.cdhns.ca

Council Meeting:

The Council met in June prior to the AGM. Henri Michaud of Wilde, Timmons and Michaud Accountants met with the Council to address the auditor's report and discuss financial issues. Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Credentials, Continuing Competency, Investigations and Hearing Committees. In addition revisions to the Continuing Competency Guidelines were approved by Council. Council voted to proceed with a policy governance model and plans to work with a facilitator over the next year to establish this process. Susan Rogers will be consulted for the next Council meeting scheduled for October 2010.

Licence Renewals:

The CDHNS membership year is from November 1 to October 31 each year. Members will receive their 2011 membership renewal applications in September and are encouraged to complete and return them promptly with their CRP renewal card and fees. CPR must have been completed within the twelve months prior to the application date. Applications must be received by October 15, 2010 to be processed by the deadline of November 1. The licensing fees have been held at \$600.00 (includes \$159.00 CDHA fee) as per noted in the CDHNS three year strategic plan.

Registration Certificates

Official certificates of registration will be issued to all members during the 2011 membership renewal period. Certificates of registration are common in all professions. They confirm to the public, clients and other health professionals that you are a Registered Dental Hygienist and have met the standards of our profession. Members are encouraged to frame and display them in a suitable location.

Self Initiation – Certificates of Authorization

There are 158 practicing members who have been authorized to self initiate dental hygiene care by the CDHNS. Official Certificates of authorization will be sent to all who have been authorized to self-initiate. These will be suitable for framing and members are encouraged to display them as well.

Any member who has completed the course must submit their certificate of completion and request authorization from the CDHNS. All members who were licensed in 2009 have until November 1st, 2011 to complete the course to remain eligible for licensing.

Oral anaesthesia recognition of credentials

There are six members who have had their credentials to administer local anaesthetic recognized by the CDHNS. There are several applications pending. These are members who have taken an acceptable oral anaesthetic course in another jurisdiction and have demonstrated currency in the competency according to the CDHNS policy. The School of Dental Hygiene is piloting a local anaesthetic course this fall for dental hygiene faculty. A course for the general membership offered by Dalhousie University Continuing Dental Education is tentatively planned for the winter term or early in the spring.

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unisonnews.cdhns.ca

Next Deadline
for submissions
December 1 2010

Message
To
College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia
From the Honourable Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health

I want to congratulate you -- the members of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia -- on the historic occasion of your first annual general meeting.

A little more than one year after the Dental Hygienists Act and Regulations have taken effect, Nova Scotians enjoy more choice and better access to preventative oral health care.

This act has allowed you to perform a greater range of preventative dental-care duties and to practice in independent settings.

Dental hygienists are providing better access to members of our population who were previously under-served – such as seniors or Nova Scotians with mobility challenges.

My government understands that a better health-care system means finding new, more efficient ways to deliver health care.

This act – and your work -- meshes well with my government's commitment to provide better health care to families in every region.

Thanks for your dedication to your profession and your patients, and I wish you the best of luck as you continue to provide excellent care.



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Facilitating Continuing Competence
Annual Continuing Competency Event

Over 200 NS dental hygienists came together in Halifax to participate in the event. The registration response for the 2010 AGM & CE was so overwhelming, the venue needed to be changed to accommodate the surge in numbers. The Empire theatres proved to be barely enough room.



CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY'S SMOKERS' HELPLINE ONLINE WEBINAR

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2010 CE Event Coming Up

“Atlantic Education Weekend”

Sept. 24th & 25th in Halifax Sept 25th: Caries Risk Assessment

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Most women do not access dental care during pregnancy, despite evidence that poor oral health can have an adverse impact on the health of a pregnant woman and her child. Health plans, through their interactions with pregnant women, health care providers and community partners, can make substantial contributions to improving access to and utilization of dental care during pregnancy.

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation and the Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP) are pleased to release an issue brief, *Improving Access to Perinatal Oral Health Care: Strategies & Considerations for Health Plans*

<http://www.cdhp.org/system/files/NIHCM-OralHealth-Final.pdf>, that highlights the importance of good oral health during pregnancy, reviews oral health practice guidelines and policy statements, and presents opportunities for health plans to address the patient, physician, workforce and financial barriers that are currently limiting utilization of perinatal dental care.

NIHCM Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to improving the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of America's health care system. CDHP is a national nonprofit organization that designs and advances research-driven policies and innovative solutions to oral health disparities.

"(CNN) -- A simple, five-minute conversation with parents during their baby's regularly scheduled 9-month checkup can help their child stop bottle-feeding, according to new research released Monday.

It's an important step because prolonged use of the bottle can lead to tooth decay and nutritional deficiencies in young children. Waiting later can make it harder to make the transition, experts say.

"In five minutes, we changed the health trajectory of a child," says Dr. Jonathon Maguire of St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Canada. He's a pediatrician and lead author of the study, which appears in Monday's edition of the journal *Pediatrics*.

Maguire and his colleagues followed 201 children until they were 2 years old and found a 60 percent reduction in prolonged bottle use when doctors made a point of raising the subject at the 9-month checkup.

For the full article, go to:

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/07/12/weaning.doctor.parent.talk/?fbid=QVqv0RL11bP>

The Your Teeth For a Lifetime (YTFL) Foundation is a charitable organization created by Dr. William Hettenhausen DDS from Thunder Bay Ontario. The purpose of the foundation is to help communicate positive health values to both the public and the health professions. Dr. Hettenhausen put together three short segments aimed at youth and adults on DVD and only requests a charitable donation or membership in return. You can visit his website www.ytfl.on.ca for more information and order the DVD that contains:

Your Teeth For a Lifetime/Healthy Teeth Happy Smile/Fear of Flossing.

The CDHNS Resource Centre will also have a copy available for lend.

Cheif Dental Officer for Canada files a new Report

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/pubs/oral-bucco/2009-smile-sourire/index-eng.php>

Report Overview

<http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/ocdo>

Reports

<http://www.fptdwg.ca/English/e-documents.html>

The Oral Health Statistics 2007-2009 factsheet

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/pubs/oral-bucco/fact-fiche-oral-bucco-stat-eng.php>

Continuing Competency Cycle audit

The first group of members will complete their Continuing Competency cycle on December 31, 2010. This is the initial two year cycle which requires 30 credits. There are 179 members whose cycle will be completed at that time.

An external auditor will perform a blind, random selection process. Those members selected will be notified to submit their completed Continuing Competency Record form and all supporting documentation to the CDHNS. The Continuing Competency Committee will then follow the audit process to review the documents. Any member who is not sure of their cycle dates should check with the CDHNS office.

Office Update:

The CDHNS had hired a half time administrative assistant Jennifer MacKay who started with the CDHNS on May 17, 2010. The position description is to support the registrar in carrying out all aspects of the College mandate. Jennifer's regular office hours are 9-1:00 pm Monday to Friday with additional hours during the high work load periods of the CDHNS year.

Patricia Grant. Registrar



Recognizing excellence!
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