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Registrar's Message

Following CDBC's move to our new office in downtown Vancouver, we now share space with a number of other health regulators at **200 Granville Street**.

These include the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals, the College of Chiropractors of BC, the College of Dental Technicians of BC, the College of Midwives of BC, the College of Occupational Therapists of BC, the College of Opticians of BC, the College of Physical Therapists of BC, the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of BC and the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia.

The College HUB office space provides us with shared access to additional meeting rooms and technology that was not available at our former location. We are also enjoying collaborative opportunities to share resources and best practices with our colleagues from the other Colleges.

The move to our new office was a huge undertaking for CDBC staff. Among many other things, they sorted and scanned large volumes of documents to comply with our new paperless record-keeping and administrative initiatives. They sold furniture, moved boxes and continued to perform their day-to-day duties. They were invaluable in this process and I could not have done it without their help. Thank you!

If you plan to visit us, please go to Public Reception on the 9th floor and check in with the receptionist, who will then contact us to come and meet you. Please consider calling CDBC's office first to ensure that someone is available to meet with you.

I wish you all the best for a happy and relaxing holiday season shared with family and friends. I look forward to working together in 2020.

Jennifer Roff
Registrar, College of Denturists of British Columbia

Notice of Board Nominations

In accordance with CDBC bylaws, please be advised that this is an official notice of Board nominations. Two elected Board positions will become vacant on April 1, 2020.

Nominations for CDBC's Board of Directors must be submitted between December 9, 2019 and January 24, 2020. Any nominations received after the close of business day on January 24, 2020 will automatically be disqualified.

Active Registrants may nominate up to two Active Registrants by sending a letter of nomination to CDBC's office. Nominees will be required to provide a letter of consent and a brief biography. The length of each term is April 1, 2020 to April 1, 2023. Access the letter of consent and additional information about the nomination procedures and the election process at www.cd.bc.ca.

Active Registrants in good standing can expect to receive one election ballot and accompanying instructions within 45 days of the Board seats becoming vacant – approximately early February 2020. Election ballots must be returned by February 28, 2020.

Modernizing Health Regulation in British Columbia

As you may be aware, the government has just proposed major changes to health profession regulation in B.C. The proposal covers four key themes:

1. Governance reform: eliminating board elections and replacing them with a transparent, competency-based appointment process
2. Introducing an oversight body to increase accountability and consistency of regulatory colleges
3. Simplifying the complaints and discipline process to provide a clear focus on patient safety and public protection
4. Reducing the number of regulatory colleges from 20 to 5:
 - a. Nurses and Midwives
 - b. Physicians and Podiatric Surgeons
 - c. Oral health professionals
 - d. Pharmacists
 - e. The remaining colleges under a single umbrella

Similar to the release of the [Cayton Report](#), government is seeking input from the public, regulators and other stakeholders. The 45-day consultation period will run until January 10.

The full report is available [here](#).

Clinical Examination Coordinator for 2020 Exams

CDBC is currently recruiting for a 2020 Clinical Examination Coordinator. This position oversees the Complete Denture Examination and the Objectively Structured Clinical Examination and offers a contract and compensation.

Candidates must be able to make a time commitment prior to the exams, during the full week of exams and once the exams have concluded. If you are available, please send your letter of interest to CDBC's office before February 21, 2020.

Theory Examination Writers Workshop

CDIBC is redeveloping the Theory Examination and is looking for Denturists who have an interest in learning how to write theory examination questions. CDIBC will hold a 2-day workshop at our new downtown office in January 2020. If this opportunity interests you, please contact Vyvian at admin@cd.bc.ca.

Medical Devices and Health Canada Licensure

The College of Denturists of Ontario (CDO) recently published a [Practice Advisory Notice](#) informing their registrants of navigating the use, sale and licensure of medical devices. This information is applicable to all Denturists, including those in British Columbia. Please review the key points listed below and click on the blue highlighted links that will take you to the Government of Canada's website for further information.

Medical Devices and Types of Licences

Medical devices are used in the diagnosis, treatment, mitigation or prevention of a medical condition. They can include a variety of devices that Denturists may encounter such as dentures, bridges, crowns, resins, denture coatings, filling materials, prosthodontic appliances, artificial teeth, denture repair kits and materials used in the fabrication of dentures.

Health Canada is the government agency that licenses medical devices under the Therapeutic Products Directorate. All medical devices must be approved by Health Canada. Although many medical devices may be cross licensed in the United States by the FDA, medical devices must be licensed by Health Canada in order to be approved for their use and sale in Canada. FDA approval does not imply Health Canada approval. There are two types of licenses issued by Health Canada:

1. **Medical Device Licence:** a licence for the medical device itself
2. **Medical Device Establishment Licence:** a licence for the establishment (company) that manufactures a medical device

Medical devices are categorized as Class I, II, III or IV based on the risks associated with their use, including the degree of invasiveness, duration of contact with the patient, energy transmission hazard and consequences of device malfunction or failure.

Quick Facts and Requirements

- Most medical devices Denturists encounter will be Class II or higher.
- Class II devices or higher must have Health Canada's approval in the form of a Medical Device Licence.
- Denturists must ensure that every medical device or material used in denture fabrication is approved by Health Canada.
- For Class I devices, the manufacturer or the importer holds a Medical Device Establishment Licence.
- Denturists can search for active medical device licenses before purchasing or using any medical devices on Health Canada's website.
 - Class II, III and IV licences: [Medical Devices Active Licence](#)
 - Establishment licences: [Medical Devices Establishment Licence](#)

- Denturists can refer to Health Canada's guidance document to quickly determine what class a device falls under through the [Keyword Index to Assist Manufacturers in Verifying the Class of Medical Devices](#).
- Sale or use of prohibited medical devices or materials not licensed by Health Canada is in breach of the [Medical Devices Regulations](#) and may be an act of professional misconduct for registered Denturists in British Columbia.

Reminder: Continuing Education Hours Increase

A friendly reminder that as of the 2019-2020 Continuing Education (CE) cycle, CE hours have increased to **20 hours per year and are due by March 31, 2019**. In addition to taking courses, there are many other ways to accumulate CE hours, including:

- Mentoring a student
- Participating in a Study Group
- Publishing an article or research
- Requesting patient feedback
- Developing a Case Study
- Acting as an Examiner
- Challenging the Objectively Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

For more information about the CE options available to you, login to www.cd.bc.ca with your username and password. On the left side of the page, under 'Menu', select 'QA Program Information'.

Please refer to the [Guideline: Continuing Education Course Approval](#) to learn more about acceptable course topics that will be approved for CE hours.

Professional Boundaries, Social Media Hazards and Privacy Issues

As per the request of registrants, [here](#) are the slides from Mr. Don Lebens September 2019 presentation at CDBC's Annual General Meeting.

CDBC Office Address Change

Please note CDBC's new office location and contact information:

900-200 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 1S4

- Main phone line: 604-742-6370
- Executive Secretary, Vyvian Burns: 604-742-6372
- Program Coordinator, Nancy Graham: 604-742-6373
- Toll-free: 1-833-742-6370
- Fax: 604-357-1263 (Please add a cover sheet)

New Denturists

A warm welcome to our newest licensed Denturists in British Columbia: Tarek Abu Al-oon, Gagandeep Chahal, Alexander Dolman, Min Kim, Albertyn Meyer, Vy Nguyen and Sarah Zhou.

Holiday Office Closure

CDBC's office will be closed from December 23, 2019 to January 1, 2020 and will re-open on January 2, 2020.

Dates to Remember

Please mark the following important 2020 dates in your calendar:

- January 23 & 24 – **Theory Examination Writers Workshop**
- January 24 – **Board Nomination Deadline**
- February 28 – **Deadline for Ballots**
- March 5-7 – **Pacific Dental Conference**
- March 31 – **Registration Renewal Deadline**
- May 1 – **Theory Examination**