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WE HAVE MOVED!

CDBC is now located at 900 – 200 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Registrar's Message

It's incredible to think that we are three months into 2020! CDBC has a full agenda for the year ahead, complete with a variety of projects I would like to share with you.

It's an exciting time for CDBC and for our working group members, who have been developing a new theory examination and questions over the course of the past year. Our Board and staff have been hard at work on the Revised National Competency Profile, spending a great deal of time and effort collaborating with our registrants and national stakeholders.

CDBC's Board is also moving ahead with a competency-based Objectively Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), which is similar to those of dentist regulators in Alberta and Ontario. All of these positive changes help move CDBC closer to our desired objective of a national examination.

In addition, CDBC has developed an accreditation framework and process in partnership with EQual Canada, a national, independent, third-party health profession accreditation organization focused on academic programs. This move supports CDBC's focus on fiscally responsible accreditation of academic programs to support the public interest in access to safe, competent and ethical denturism care and service.

We are actively monitoring changes to how the denturism profession is regulated in our province, with the release of the Steering Committee on Modernization of Health Professional Regulation's recent report, *Modernizing the provincial health profession regulatory framework*. We commit to keeping you informed of updates to the government's proposed changes to health profession regulation in BC and how they will affect you and your practice.

The staff and I look forward to engaging with even more Registrants this year. Let's work together to continue to ensure quality denturism practice and protection of the public.

Jennifer Roff
Registrar, College of Denturists of British Columbia

Ministry of Health Amendments to Oral Health Regulations in Force

On February 24, the Ministry of Health announced that the oral health regulations for dental hygienists, dental technicians, denturists and dentists were deposited with the registrar of regulations and are now in force.

Regulations are created by the government for each health profession governed under the *Health Professions Act* (HPA). Each regulation contains a scope of practice statement that describes what the profession does and how it does it, and a list of activities that outlines what members of that profession are authorized to do.

The amended regulations are in keeping with the Minister's desire to improve access to oral health services and to promote inter-professional, collaborative, team-based care and are intended to:

- align the regulations to the HPA model (characterized by two elements: shared scope of practice statements and restricted activities)
- standardize terms shared between the regulations
- clarify that unregulated persons cannot perform the restricted activities that fall under these professions (unless authorized) and ensure that colleges have the necessary authority to act when unregulated individuals provide these service

To read more about the key changes to the Denturists Regulation please click [here](#).

Information on COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

CDBC is closely monitoring the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and reminding registrants that they must abide by CDIBC's [Infection Control Policy](#), which lays out your responsibilities to protect the safety of yourselves and your patients.

In addition, the [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) (BCCDC), the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#), the [World Health Organization](#), and other agencies are monitoring the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and have published information for both healthcare practitioners and the public. This information is being updated regularly.

If you are concerned about your exposure, please follow the advice of the BCCDC: *Anyone in B.C., who is concerned that they may have been exposed to, or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, should contact their primary care provider, local public health office, or call 8-1-1.*

2020 Registration Renewal

Registration renewals must be submitted by **Tuesday, March 31, 2020** to CDIBC's office and must include payment, the completed online form and confirmation of a minimum of twenty hours of approved, completed professional development. Please note that the registration renewal fee has increased to \$1600.

Registration renewal is not complete until CDIBC has received all three items. Incomplete or late registration renewals will be subject to a 35% late payment fee.

QA Program requirements are directly aligned with registration renewal and must be completed on/before Tuesday, March 31, 2020. These include annual completion of the QA Checklist, QA Tool and at least 20 hours of professional development. Active Registrants must also engage in a minimum of 675 hours of denturism practice for every three years of active registration.

You will be able access the online renewal form once CDBC has received your QA Checklist and QA Tool. A renewal button will display on the home page when you login to the database. If you cannot see the renewal button, please verify that you have submitted your QA Checklist and QA Tool. If you still require assistance, please contact [CDBC](#).

Election Results

CDBC warmly welcomes **Ms. Carson Law** to the Board and **Ms. Alison Nicholls**, who is returning for her second term. Ms. Law and Ms. Nicholls were elected, by acclamation, to the CDBC Board in accordance with the *Health Professions Act*. Their terms of office will begin on April 1, 2020 and expire on April 1, 2023.

Upcoming CE Credit Opportunities

CDBC is looking for Denturists who are interested in the following opportunities, all of which offer Continuing Education (CE) credits:

Theory Exam Writers

Denturists who are interested in writing theory exam questions may wish to attend an upcoming workshop via video conference on Friday, March 20, 2020. The workshop will provide insight into how theory exam questions are developed.

Clinical Examiners

Active Full Registrants who have been registered for no less than five consecutive years in the active category may participate as members of the exam team to score exams (minimum three-day commitment) and/or score the OSCE (0.75-day commitment). Clinical Examiners are compensated in accordance with the exam rate of \$450 per day and OSCE Examiners are compensated at \$250.

Please contact [Vyvian](#) for details on either of these opportunities.

Advertising Policy: Logo

A reminder that the Registrar approves requests from registrants and third parties to use the CDBC corporate logo. No registrant or third party can use CDBC corporate logo for advertising or marketing products or service. Please refer to CDBC's [Advertising Policy](#) for further information.

Farewell to Mr. Doug Hengel

On behalf of CDBC's Board and staff, a warm thank you to Mr. Doug Hengel for six of years of service and time as Board member, and for having served on various committees. His wealth of knowledge and history of the profession was invaluable. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Easter Closure

Please note that CDBC's office will be closed over the Easter long weekend, from April 10 to April 13, 2020.

New Denturist

A warm welcome to our newest licensed Denturist in British Columbia: Dmitry Shmitsman.

Dates to Remember

Please mark the following important 2020 dates in your calendar:

- March 20 – **Theory Writers Workshop**
- April 3 – **Board Meeting**
- April 24 – **Internship Portfolios Due**
- May 1 – **Theory Exam**
- May 30 – **Board Meeting and Q&A Session at the DABC Convention**