



ANNUAL REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS 2016

The Canadian Association of Hospital Dentists - Association canadienne des dentistes en milieu hospitalier (CAHD - ACDH) was incorporated as a non-profit organization in December 2014 and held its first AGM in Vancouver in May, 2015. At that meeting, the vision, mission and objectives were created, Bylaws were approved and the first Board was elected.

Our articulated **vision** is “Shaping the future of hospital dentistry”. As the national voice of Canadian hospital-affiliated dentists, our **mission** is to promote the highest standards of evidence-based oral health care, advance dental education in academic health sciences centres, encourage collaborative research and advocate for access to care for Canadians with complex needs who require dental care in hospital settings.

The **objectives** of CAHD are:

1. To provide Canadian dentists a forum for interaction to enhance clinical practice, teaching, research, administration and dental leadership in Canadian hospitals.
2. To educate the profession and the public on hospital-based dentistry.
3. To act as a resource and provide dental governing bodies and other stakeholders with information and/or direction concerning hospital dentistry issues.
4. To develop, in consultation with the members and other stakeholders, national positions and policies which are of importance to the collective of Canadian hospital-affiliated dentists in the promotion of optimal oral health.
5. To develop and maintain effective national strategies and programs to communicate with the public and the various stakeholders on all matters within the Association’s mandate.
6. To promote unity and harmony, as well as to cultivate fellowship and social relations among its Members and colleagues nationally and internationally.
7. To effectively manage the necessary resources so as to enable the fulfilling of the Association’s mandate.

As we near the close of the first year of operations for CAHD-ACDH, it is my pleasure to update you on our activities. It has been a busy year and here are some highlights.

1. Enhancement of the GPR Selection Process

Under the leadership of Dr. Nick Makhoul and his team, Drs. Michael Shimizu and Veenu Mittal, we have joined the National Match Service (NMS) for the selection of General Practice Residents. CAHD has decided to partner with the Match Committee of the Special

Care in Dentistry Association (SCDA), to be represented by them on the NMS Steering Committee. However, we are considered unique, as our programs will participate in Phase 1, not Phase 2 with the American GPRs and AEGDs. We will assess how this goes and may consider joining the Steering Committee of the NMS as a Sponsoring Organization in the future.

2. Website Development

The website cahd-acdh.ca was launched in April 2016. This is currently our most visible outreach to the profession and the public. The site will be enhanced for members in the coming months with a members only section, which will be a portal for sharing information and ideas.

3. Leadership in Antimicrobial Stewardship (AS)

This was identified as a strategic priority at our first AGM last May. Since that time, we have

- Developed pages on the website related to AS
- Received an invitation to participate in the in the HealthCareCAN Action Roundtable to develop a National Antimicrobial Stewardship Action Plan for Canadians
- Been invited to participate in a panel presentation at the ODA ASM in May with two infectious disease physicians

4. CAHD 2016 Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in Halifax on May 13, 2016. A scientific session is planned with a keynote speaker and panel presentation on the topic of the importance of registries and databases in clinical practice and research. There will be presentations of original research by general practice and specialty residents.

5. Media

There have been publications about CAHD on jcda Oasis Discussions, in the Ontario Dentist and the UToronto Faculty of Dentistry magazine.

6. Relationships

CAHD is recognized as the national voice of hospital dentists by the Canadian Dental Association. Vice President Mel Schwartz and President Susan Sutherland attended the recent CDA Annual General Meeting in Ottawa as official observers representing CAHD and were invited guests at the CDA President's Installation Dinner.

7. Board of Directors

Our first Board of Directors is working on behalf of members to ensure the relevance and sustainability of CAHD.

Board of Directors 2015-16			
Name	Location	Region	Position
Dr. Chris Lee	Halifax	Atlantic Region	
Dr. Mel Schwartz	Montreal	Quebec	Vice President
Dr. Susan Sutherland	Toronto	Ontario	President
Dr. Chris Cottick	Winnipeg	Prairie Region	
Dr. Eduardo Kalaydjian	Calgary	Alberta/NU	Secretary Treasurer
Dr. Debbie Fonseca	Vancouver	BC/Yukon	

In the upcoming year, CAHD looks forward to continued growth of our membership base, providing web-based resources to support hospital-based dentists and engaging in ongoing dialogue with our colleagues and stakeholders.

Susan Sutherland, President CAHD
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