



Good Afternoon,

Here are the most recent updates as of Wednesday, August 5th:

A Virtual Oral Health Convention

With COVID things have changed and I believe when change takes place we must embrace it and make it work for us. One of the big elements in our Oral Health Profession this year is the loss of our face to face OHC for 2020. Where a lot of our members get their much needed CEC plus get to visit our trade show with all the new leading services and tools used in the profession. Plus many of our members supplement their CEC points and their view of the trade show at other out of the Province events that have also been cancelled due to COVID. The Licensing Board has put off the CEC cycle deadline for a year and that is great as no one should be stuck, however we need a solution.

Until we get a vaccine I am thinking we will need a solution that will offset the void left by the face to face OHC. We believe that solution is a Virtual Convention including CE and Trade Show. Yesterday Jody sent out an e-mail to you, asking your opinion re the concept and the response was very encouraging. If you have not responded go to the e-mail from the NLDA and tell us if you agree.

In a nut shell allow me to explain what this will look like. This will be an online set of CEC live over two days. Time slots will be just like the Convention but shorter as most courses will be an hour and a half realizing that three hours online hurts.

There will be two course options running at any given time to provide you with choices, plus there will be some repeats so you can avoid clashes. The speakers will be those who we would normally include on a Face to Face Convention speaker schedule and the point system will be the same as face to face. One point per hour and of course one point for visiting the trade show floor. The registration and backroom electronic support will be provide again by Objectified so at the end of the day you will get a print out of the courses you did which you hold for the Registrars view if required.

The trade show will also be running during the two days and you will be able to visit a dedicated website where the virtual floor will be set up and suppliers will have hot links to their page or whatever they want. I am assuming some more on the ball suppliers will have product lectures and special Convention deals. You will be getting a copy of the speaker program soon and then registration will open we will be off to the races.

Study to Estimate Risk of COVID-19 Among Canadian Dentists

Dr. Sreenath Madathil and Dr. Paul Allison from the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill University and Dr. Walter Siqueira from the College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan are doing a study to estimate the risk of COVID-19 among Canadian dentists.

This study has received ethics approval from the Faculty of Medicine Institutional Review Board (IRB) at McGill University and the University of Saskatchewan' Research Ethics Board (REB).

Data collected in the study will be analyzed every two months and the results will be provided to study participants as well as dental associations, dental regulatory authorities and public health authorities to aid them in making decisions and guiding dentists and the public.

The results will also be submitted for scientific publication and used for educational

purposes. However, no individual data will be shared with anyone beyond the research team.

Register here to participate in the study.

<https://surveys.mcgill.ca/ls/458194?lang=en>

For further information, please contact sreenath.madathil@mcgill.ca or 514-398-4400, ext. 00483.

CDA Situation Report

<http://www.cda-adc.ca/newsletters/covid-19/2020/july/2020-07-31-CDA-COVID-UPDATE.html>

CDA conducts and distributes a weekly situation report that shows the volume and nature of dental office activity as reflected in claims submitted via ITRANS. Some highlights from the report for this week (July 31st, 2020) are:

- COVID-19 Situational Report
- Advocacy Update
- COVID-19 Vaccine Update - Dentists to Encourage Patients to Keep Up with Health Care & Routine Immunizations
- Rising Costs of PPE Further Explained
- TripleGuard™; Insurance Pandemic Coverage Update
- CDA's Return to Practice Task Force Update

NOTE: The next CDA COVID-19 Update is slated for August 14, 2020. Regular updates will resume on September 11, 2020.

Mental Health and Wellness

Maintaining good mental health and wellness continues to be a priority. Many organizations have developed apps to offer individuals mental health support,

tips and other helpful information.

Mental health and wellness support through CDSPI's Members' Assistance Program (MAP) can be accessed by calling 1.844.578.4040 or visiting <https://www.workhealthlife.com/>

Our next update will be Wednesday afternoon, August 12th. We will continue to keep you updated.

Kind Regards,

Jody March- MacCuish on behalf of Dr. Michelle Zwicker, President of the NLDA

If you have any questions you can contact the NLDA, via email nfdental@nfld.net or phone: 709-579-2362.

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