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| **Dispatch:** Legislative Changes – Digital Member Information and Feedback Session, CDA Oasis Live Event Today, 2020 Wage Report, Medical Gown Use in Dentistry Resource, NSDA Holiday Hours. . . And More **Legislative Changes - Digital Member Information and Feedback Session**As many members are already aware, the provincial government and the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia are planning legislative changes that will impact the profession. In the autumn, the dental board released a discussion paper outlining broad areas of change and reached out for feedback and input. The NSDA has convened a Dental Legislation Working Group whose role has been to work with staff and legal counsel on a draft feedback reply to the dental board’s discussion paper. On Monday, January 11 2021 at 8 pm, the NSDA will host a digital member information and feedback session on the draft reply to the board’s paper. Please mark your calendars. A Zoom invitation and the draft NSDA reply will be sent out the week of January 4, 2021.  **CDA Oasis Live Event, Today Dec. 18, 2020: Work-Life Balance – Pursuing Interests Outside of Work** When?Friday, December 18, 2020 at 12:00 pm Eastern Who?Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry Assistant Professor Dr. Sachin Seth What?Practical tips to help you achieve optimal personal wellness View the [attached](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=d62b988dab&e=f49d06b7f0) event image. Watch the event live on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 12 pm Eastern time at either of the following links: * Facebook Live at [https://www.facebook.com/john.okeefe.9822](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=7272f67bad&e=f49d06b7f0)
* Vimeo Live at [https://vimeo.com/event/264854](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=20103c28ee&e=f49d06b7f0).

 **2020 Wage Report**Impact Economic Consultants, the NSDA's economic research consultants, has prepared the 2020 Wage Report and mailed it to members. The report can also be viewed on our website in the member section document search under the category “Financial Reports.” This is, of course, highly confidential and intended only for dentists to see.If you wish to receive an additional hard copy, please contact the NSDA office by email at nsda@eastlink.ca or by phone at (902) 420-0088 and keep a look out for envelope marked, open by dentist only.  **CDA Resource: Medical Gown Use in Dentistry**In collaboration with CDA’s Practice Recovery Task Force, the CDA’s Infection Control Working Group developed a resource regarding the use of medical gowns in dentistry. It provides a cross-reference from the medical system to the dental system, and provides generic information regarding gown use in dentistry.[Click here](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=c68eb2d16f&e=f49d06b7f0) to download the resource.  **NSDA Holiday Hours**The Nova Scotia Dental Association will close for the holidays beginning at **noon on Thursday, Dec. 24**. The office will reopen for regular business hours on **Monday, Jan. 4**. Please note: Since Job Bank ads are reviewed by NSDA staff before going on the website, no job bank ads will be posted while the office is closed. On behalf of all the staff at the NSDA, we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. **2021 NSDA Membership Directory: Call for Updated Addresses and Phone Numbers**NSDA staff is preparing to produce a new membership directory for the 2021 year. If you have recently updated your office phone number or address, please notify us by emailing nsda@eastlink.ca or calling 902-420-0088 with your updated information as soon as possible, or **by Jan. 4, 2021.** Up to two practice addresses can be included in the directory.Note: You can view your contact information that we have on file on the “My Account” page by logging into the member section of the NSDA website. Changes to your contact information can also be requested on the website through the “Edit Profile” link.  **Call for Nominations: 2021 Annual NSDA Awards** The NSDA Nominating Committee would like to request nominations to be considered for this year’s annual NSDA awards: * Dr. Philip S. Christie Award for Distinguished Service
* T.D. Ingham Volunteer Award
* NSDA Community Service Award
* NSDA Award of Excellence
* Don Pamenter Friend of Dentistry Award

 All applications can be submitted, care of the NSDA Nominating Committee, to the NSDA office. Please see [attached](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=ebd1e3a617&e=f49d06b7f0) award descriptions and nomination form for details.  **Wellness Webinars – Access, Survey, and CE Quiz**Access to the Pre-Recorded 4-Part Series Ending Dec. 31, 2020 Email the NSDA for a corresponding coupon code for access to the pre-recorded 4-part Foundations of Resilience Series offered throughout October. **Access is available for a limited time until Dec. 31, 2020.**   **Foundations of Resilience Feedback Survey**Air Institutes has provided the NSDA with the following survey to request feedback about the Foundations of Resilience series: [https://www.research.net/r/foundations-NSDA](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=a07ad0adf3&e=f49d06b7f0)CE Quiz The NSDA has developed a quiz for those who attended live or watched the pre-recorded resilience series. Those who complete the quiz will receive a certificate they can submit for CE credit. Take the quiz: [https://nsdental.org/wellness-quiz/](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=292da10644&e=f49d06b7f0)  **Dental Management of Individuals with Dysphagia**  Any dentist or dental hygienist licensed in Nova Scotia who see patients in practice at least one day per week is invited to complete an anonymous online research survey conducted by researchers at Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry and Health, concerning dental management of individuals with dysphagia in Nova Scotia. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and all responses will be anonymous. To thank you for your participation, you may choose to be entered into a draw for one of two $50 gift cards. If you have any questions, please send to them to Kimberley Fairman at km770223@dal.ca To learn more about this study and to complete the survey, please click the link to continue: [https://surveys.dal.ca/opinio/s?s=58939](https://nsdental.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e18ca70019273d62e5b6cb273&id=27ca061745&e=f49d06b7f0)     |

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