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**Dispatch:** LAST CALL — MSI Children's Oral Health Program Survey, PDBNS Webinar Tonight, CE Opportunities, Student Surveys . . . And More

### **LAST CALL — MSI Children's Oral Health Program Survey**

Last month, the NSDA held a virtual “town hall” event to provide an opportunity for membership to air concerns over the current state of the MSI Children’s Oral Health Program (COHP). There were many possible collective actions

proposed, and chief among them was the suggestion that the NSDA needs to determine the level of impact the current program tariff has on dental practices before proceeding further. The NSDA Table Officers Committee has developed the following survey and hopes all members will take a few minutes to complete it. **The deadline to complete the survey is the end of the day on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020.**

Access the survey at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PQY99TM>

### **Reminder – PDBNS Webinar on Dental Act Changes Tonight**

This week all members should have received an email from the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia with the link to register for tonight's member webinar on proposed changes to the provincial Dental Act. A discussion paper outlining the changes can be found on the PDBNS website, and the NSDA as a stakeholder group is preparing to provide feedback. We encourage you to attend the webinar this evening at 7 p.m.

Access the discussion paper at the following link: <http://pdbns.ca/new-dental-act>

### **Important Safety Information on Benzocaine-Containing Products and the Risk of Methemoglobinemia in Children under Two Years of Age**

Benzocaine has been associated with methemoglobinemia (MetHb), a serious,

potentially life-threatening adverse reaction. Health Canada is concerned that children under 2 years of age may still be given benzocaine-containing products despite previous warnings concerning this health risk. Healthcare professionals are reminded to NOT recommend benzocaine-containing products for children under 2 years of age.

View the Health Canada alert at the following link:

<https://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2020/74173a-eng.php>

### **Missed a Wellness Webinar? Access the Pre-Recorded 4-Part Series**

Throughout October, the NSDA provided members and the entire dental team no-cost access to a series of live wellness webinars that took place each Tuesday with Dr. Jackie Kinley from the Atlantic Institute for Resilience Inc. Topics included the resilience mindset, mastering stress and anxiety, managing difficult emotions, and building strong relationships.

Although the live presentations weren't recorded, pre-recorded versions of the presentations are available. Email the NSDA for a corresponding coupon code for access to the pre-recorded sessions. **Access is available for a limited time until Dec. 31, 2020.**

When you have your coupon code:

1. Visit the initial access link <https://air-institutes.mykajabi.com/offers/Fowozz8f>
2. Apply your personal coupon code (given to you by the NSDA).

3. Create your personal account.

You can revisit the library by using the Air Library link: <https://air-institutes.mykajabi.com/library>

**Coming soon:** A quiz about the wellness webinars will be developed that members can submit for CE credit.

### **Paying NSDA Dues Online Available Again**

After being temporarily unavailable due to the installation of a new server, paying NSDA dues online is available again. Members who have not yet paid their dues, and wish to pay by credit card can do so online on the NSDA website or by filling out the credit card information on their dues invoice and faxing it to the office.

### **Join the Nova Scotia-CDA Oasis Community**

A new community group has been added to the NSDA's online member community. The new community called "Nova Scotia-CDA Oasis" was created to share CDA Oasis content with NSDA members and engage them in relevant discussions. Dr. John O'Keefe, Director, Knowledge Networks, at the Canadian Dental Association, will be sharing the content. Join the new community and check out his posts on the "Nova Scotia-CDA Oasis" community.

Recent post topics include:

- The IT Risk Landscape for Dental Offices
- Teledentistry to Improve Access to Care for the Vulnerable
- Probiotics and Oral Health

**Note:** The “Nova Scotia-CDA Oasis” community is separate from the “NSDA Member General Discussion” community. To participate in the “Nova Scotia-CDA Oasis” community, members have to join the community. **Please ensure when posting on the community site that you are selecting, and posting to, the relevant community you wish to post in.**

If you have any questions about how to join the community, contact the NSDA at [nsda@eastlink.ca](mailto:nsda@eastlink.ca) or 902-420-0088.

### **Heart & Stroke E-Advocacy Campaign: Beat Youth Vaping**

Youth vaping is a crisis. One in five grade 7-12 students in Canada vape. Nicotine is addictive and damages developing brains and vaping is linked to respiratory harm. The vaping industry targets youth through enticing flavours and attractive packaging.

Heart & Stroke recently launched an e-advocacy campaign urging the federal government to adopt comprehensive restrictions on flavoured vape products. They need your help! Please [make your voice heard and let the federal government](#)

know that young people in Canada deserve protection against these harmful products now.

### **Manitoba Dental Association On-Line CE Program**

Brought to you by the MDA Convention Committee

Open October 15th - November 15th

Lectures are pre-recorded, access the Lecture Series 24/7!

Open to non-members of the MDA

Cost: \*For Non-MDA Members: \$250 plus GST which includes access to all six sessions or \$50 for individual session

View the [attached](#) announcement.

For more information, access the On-Line CE Website at the following link:

<https://ce.manitobadentist.ca/>



## **REMINDER**

### **Invitation to Participate in a Short Survey**

#### **Barriers to implementation of evidence-based knowledge and practice amongst dentists in Nova Scotia**

Thank you to PDBNS Registrants who have responded to the voluntary survey "Barriers to implementation of evidence-based knowledge and practice amongst dentists in Nova Scotia". For those of you who wish to participate, the link is still open and we welcome your responses.

#### **Tell us about your problems practicing evidence-based dentistry.**

As someone who is thinking about practicing or who has already started to practice evidence-based dentistry (EBD), your knowledge and experiences relating to the barriers in implementing EBD in everyday practice is critical to our understanding of how to design effective clinical solutions. Attached link, you will find a survey conducted by researchers at Dalhousie University that asks you about your experiences with evidence-based patient care. We will explore barriers and suggest solutions to help dentists adjust to our rapidly changing dental field in order to provide optimal patient care using an evidence-based approach.

On average, the survey takes 10 minutes to complete. Please answer the questions as best you can and thank you for your time. The researcher would highly appreciate further response.

<https://surveys.dal.ca/opinio/s?s=57235>

**Does a Difference in Career Satisfaction Exist Between Clinicians Practicing in a Corporately Owned Clinic Compared to a Privately-Owned Clinic Within Atlantic Canada?**

You are invited to complete an anonymous, online survey conducted by researchers at the Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry to compare the career satisfaction between clinicians practicing in corporately owned dental clinics and privately owned clinics within Atlantic Canada. The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and all responses will be anonymous. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the lead researcher at [sc777853@dal.ca](mailto:sc777853@dal.ca)

Survey link: <https://surveys.dal.ca/opinio/s?s=58416>

**East Coast Endodontic Study Club 2021**

See the [attached](#) document for information about the 2021 offerings.

**Upcoming Events**



- Oct. 30, 2020: East Coast Endodontic Study Club, Presenters: Veteran member and mentor Dr. Ron Chafe, health and wellness expert Dr. Wendy Nickerson
- Nov. 7, 2020: An update on contemporary fixed prosthodontics, *Presenter: Dr. Pierre-Luc Michaud (Dalhousie Dentistry Continuing Education)*
- Nov. 14, 2020: Paediatric dentistry: A new beginning – Introduction to airway centric paediatric dentistry, *Presenter: Dr. Alison Sigal (Dalhousie Dentistry Continuing Education)*
- Nov. 18, 2020: Clinical diagnosis and management of lichenoid lesions, *Presenter: Dr. Lisa Johnson (Dalhousie Dentistry Continuing Education)*
- Thursday, November 19 to Sunday, November 22, 2020 | Online and In-person hands-on sessions | Local anesthesia for the dental hygienist

Drs. James Brady and Jean-Charles Doucet

\* Contact the CPE Office at [cde.dentistry@dal.ca](mailto:cde.dentistry@dal.ca) to register;

Last day to register, October 29, 2020

- Nov. 20 and 21, 2020: NLDA Virtual Convention
- Nov. 25, 2020: Treatment planning for full-arch implant rehabilitation (digitally-driven implant dentistry), *Presenter: Dr. Mohamed Gebriel (Dalhousie*

[Dentistry Continuing Education](#)

- [Nov. 30, 2020: Soft and hard tissue preservation with EVERY tooth extraction: Why is that necessary and how is it done?, Presenter: Dr. Nader Hamdan \(Dalhousie Dentistry Continuing Education\)](#)
- [Dec. 5, 2020: Clinical alternatives to amalgam and composite in compromised patients, Presenter: Dr. Alan Atlas \(Dalhousie Dentistry Continuing Education\)](#)



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