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| **Dispatch:** Dentists as COVID-19 Vaccinators, NSDA’s Return-to-Practice Office Manual, Report to the Profession, AVDC Save the Date, NSDA Awards, Student Survey  **Dentists as COVID-19 Vaccinators** The NSDA is interested in gauging member interest in being involved with the possibility of delivering a COVID-19 vaccine to the general public. At this point we have no indication the government is planning on involving dentists as vaccinators at centralized vaccine delivery sites, nor are we aware that anyone involved in vaccinating would get speedier access to the vaccine for themself. However, where the association would like to publicly offer the services of the profession in the fight to stop the virus, it would be beneficial to get an idea of members’ thoughts. *This is not a commitment to be part of vaccine delivery, just an indication of interest.* Please take a moment to answer the following question: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MQ3SMS3  **NSDA’s Return-to-Practice Office Manual** The NSDA will no longer be issuing updates to its Return-to-Practice Office Manual. Please watch for advisories from the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia and visit the COVID-19 information center on their website for advisories, FAQs and the latest version of the *COVID-19 PDBNS Reopening Plan for Dentistry Phase 3 Comprehensive Care* and accompanying appendices for the information needed to adapt your office’s COVID-19 protocols.  **2020 Report to the Profession** Impact Economic Consultants Inc. has prepared the NSDA 2020 Report to the Profession which can be found on the website (go to Document Search/financial reports).Hardcopy can be obtained by contacting the office by phone (902) 420-0088 ext. 7 or by email at nsda@eastlink.ca.  **Save the Date: June 10 – 12, 2021 Atlantic Virtual Dental Convention** **As we enter the new year, we are in the midst of planning the FIRST Atlantic Virtual Dental Convention.**  **The NSDA is collaborating with the other Atlantic Provinces Dental Associations (NLDA, NBDS, and DAPEI) to host the 2021 convention online. The convention will be filled with online courses, various social events, wellness activities, trade show exhibits and will finish off with our annual business meeting. This is one you don't want to miss!** **While registration is not open just yet, we want to let you know as much information as we can so you're sure to save the date in your calendars.**   **SAVE THE DATE** **2021 Atlantic Virtual Dental Convention (AVDC)****June 10 – 12, 2021**    **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 award descriptions and nomination form for details.  **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     |

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