



The Canadian Dental Association

Our Mandate

The Canadian Dental Association (CDA) is the national voice for dentistry, dedicated to the advancement and leadership of a unified profession and to the promotion of optimal oral health, an essential component of general health.

CDA's 3 Priorities

A STRONG PROFESSION: As the national voice of dentistry in Canada, CDA advances the profession by expanding and sharing the body of knowledge of dentistry and by supporting the scientific and academic foundations of the dental practice.

A UNITED COMMUNITY: To build a collaborative Canadian dental community, CDA works in cooperation with provincial and territorial dental associations, and enhances communications with our members and other dental constituents.

A HEALTHY PUBLIC: To promote oral health as an essential component of general health, CDA lobbies for improved access to oral health care and communicates to the public the association between oral health and overall health.

Government Relations

The Government of Canada has a significant impact on individual dentists and the oral health of Canadians through legislation, regulation, programs, and taxation and business policies and practices. The reach of the federal government into the oral health sector is surprisingly large and in order to fulfill its mission CDA plays an active advocacy role with the federal government at multiple levels with multiple departments and agencies. As an association that exists to promote and protect dentists and promote optimal oral health it is essential that CDA maintain solid working relationships with the federal government so it can monitor government plans and decisions and take an active advocacy role.

The goal of CDA's government relations function is to effectively communicate the association's position to federal government decision-makers in a manner that affects positive outcomes on identified priority issues such as senior's oral health, product regulation, and oral health issues such as tobacco control and junk food.

CDA is available to act as a trusted resource on oral health policy issues and questions can be directed to the association's Director of Public Affairs, Mr. Andrew Jones.