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Letter to the editor
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Dear Editor,

Re: Maclean's "Open wide" article (January 19th print issue)

The Canadian Dental Association, on behalf of its members, would like to express its disappointment with your article on dentistry.

First and foremost, we have a very strong, successful model of oral-health delivery with a focus on prevention. Dentists are health care professionals who deliver regulated mandatory and elective oral health care services in the best interest of their patients while adapting to their changing demands.

A dentist must discuss treatment plans with their patients including benefits, prognosis, and risks, reasonable alternatives and associated costs to allow the patient to make an informed treatment choice.

For further information on our profession, the CDA website (www.cda-adc.ca) covers all aspects of oral health. Readers are also welcome to visit Canadian provincial dental association websites for more locally oriented information sources.

Best regards,

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