

CONTINUING EDUCATION & LEARNING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR COUNCIL

MARCH 2023

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Below you will find brief outlines of the courses I have been involved in since starting with the CDSS in November 2022. Since November, I have developed many positive relationships with our allied professionals and organizations we work closely with to bring quality educational session for our members. I have been budget conscious while also flexible in planning CE courses with a mixture of sponsored and independent courses.

How to Extract Tax Free Money from your Dental Corporation - Advancing the Financial Wellness of Dentists – November 29, 2022 | Fee: Free

This course was well attended with 61 dentists registered and 29 dentists in attendance. It's a great opportunity to educate our members on the financial side; however, it certainly wasn't the "course to remember" of the year.

Infection Control Quality Assurance In Dental Practices - March 4 | Fee: Free

Dr. Michelle Siqueira and Ms. Eleanor Ferwerda educated a large group of 46 (25 dental assistants, 8 dental hygienists, 12 dentists, 1 non-dentist) with evidence-based knowledge necessary to ensure their dental practices are properly conducting infection control protocols that meet or exceed what is required by provincial dental regulators. This course was funded by the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF). This course was extremely well attended with 61 registrations and very positive feedback and requests to do the same course throughout the year.

We have invited Dr. Siqueira and Eleanor to speak at the Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference in September and I will be working with them to organize another course in Saskatoon.

Introduction to Digital Planning for Guided Implant Placement - March 17 and 18 | Fee: \$100

We are hosting a group of dentists at the ALT Hotel March 17 & 18 where Dr. Michael Parchewsky will provide a general overview of the digital planning process in preparation for guided implant placement as well as hands on training on the Saturday. This course is sponsored by Hallam Dental and Dentsply Sirona.

There were 12 spots available in this course with 9 registrations.

Indigenous Awareness Course | Fee: \$250 refunded if attended

Based on the interest and number of attendees at the Indigenous Awareness course on November 26, 2022, we decided to invite John and Winston back for another session on April 22, 2023. Unfortunately, after sending out two separate e-blasts with course information and registration, there was not enough interest to justify holding it in the Spring.

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Due to scheduling conflicts, John Lagimodiere is unable to attend the Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference in September but Mr. Winston McLean has offered to provide the course on his own. We anticipate this will be a popular session.

I'm currently working with John and Winston to organize a date in the Fall 2023 for another full-day session. I think this timing will work out better as members look for more CE opportunities at the end of the year.

SOHC 2023

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference 2023 planning is going well.

We have partnered with the CAPHD for the 2023 conference – we anticipate this partnership will bring in more attendees and bring more awareness to dental public health in Canada. They will be speaking on the federal dental plan and implanting dental care as well as a 3-hour presentation by grad students.

The current conference sponsors are CDSPI and Dentalcorp.

I'm in the final stages of finding and scheduling speakers for the conference. We currently have 23 speakers. Our goal for 2023 was to really look at each individual speaker to make sure their message was in line with ours. Vetting the speakers, especially through our sponsored companies, was to ensure we don't have conflicting messages, that we represent both the science behind the messages as well as taking care of the team's mental health needs.

We currently have 15 tradeshow exhibitors registered – some are paid and some have been given a free booth due to sponsorship agreements. We are on par with the exhibitor registrations from 2022. I will be sending out personalized e-mails to our past exhibitors inviting them to register for this year's conference.

In 2022, we opened registration for attendees on April 10 and we are on schedule to open registration for 2023 in April.

Our fee structure is the following:

CDSS Dentist	\$550.00
CAPHD Member	\$550.00
Non-CDSS/CAPHD Member	\$675.00
Allied Professional	\$275.00
Banquet Only	\$100.00

The CDSS has released the CE Self-Submission portal for members to enter their own CE credits.