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Update on Neuromodulator Therapy Proposal and TMD Management Guidelines Update

The proposed Neuromodulator Therapy update, and I apologize to all involved, that it has sat within Council for 3 years...what we are doing now, could have/should have been done when it was initially proposed.

The proposed Neuromodulator Therapy update has included within it, an expanded scope of practice for the Saskatchewan GP dentist that includes management of TMD disorder.

Our current TMD management guidelines do not allow for this Neuromodulator Therapy for management of TMD disorder by the Saskatchewan GP dentist.

Our current TMD management guidelines are over 10 years old.

Dr. Lalli, in our last virtual meeting on this, was very correct in stating that first and foremost, we must update the Standard of Care for TMD management guidelines.

Dr. Uswak has stated that this update must be allowed to be "robust", ie, it must be all encompassing and all inclusive in order to ensure public protection and proper regulation.

At our last virtual get together on Neuromodulator Therapy and TMD management, Gord proposed a committee and asked me to be a part of this committee. I accepted with the statement that I would/could propose an updated TMD management guideline, present this to committee with allowable amendments, and then with committee, come up with a recommendation to Council on the Neuromodulator Therapy proposition.

This is a definite step forward, and much needed step forward on making an informed/educated decision possible for Council so a proper debate and vote can ensue on this proposal.

I volunteered for this at the beginning of February 2022 and I am working with USask faculty at the College of Dentistry who have a diverse background; we are searching for global, scientific, evidence based, peer reviewed literature as well as global wide current published recommendations on current TMD management.

As Dr. Lalli has stated, the current sedation guidelines took 2 years to finalize. I am currently still working on an update and making progress. Once I have a draft proposal, I will present this to our committee for perusal, comments, suggestions and have to come up with several revisions I am sure. Once we have a tentatively approved TMD management guideline we can as a committee study the proposed Neuromodulator Therapy standard and see how the 2 can fit together.

I have been working solo with USask faculty in order to be efficient, and least intrusive to our busy experts.

Once in draft this will be sent to committee that will allow for perusal, debate and suggestions.

My goal is to have a draft of the updated TMD management guidelines to our committee members, ASAP, hopefully prior to our next Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Committee Member