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Dentist & Certified Dental Assistant Fax Bulletin

Records course nearly full – register today

We encourage you to register soon if you are interested in attending the College's popular **Dental Records Management course** on November 25 in Vancouver. The session will feature a comprehensive overview of records collection, diagnosis and treatment planning, leading directly to a special emphasis on risk management and patient navigation. Relevant to all members of the dental team, the course is eligible for six CE credits. Cost is \$225 for dentists and \$125 for non-dentists. For information or to register contact Debbie Preissl at dpreissl@cdsbc.org or by phone 604 714-5320.

National Student Health Network

Recently, dentists have been invited to become a “participating dentist” to deliver services to certain students at between 70 and 80 percent of the current provincial dental fee guide for general practitioners.

We remind dentists that the standard of care is the same for all patients, regardless of how much a dentist is paid for their services. It is recommended that dentists think carefully about whether participating in such an arrangement would tend to affect their level of service. Dentists may also want to consider the fairness of charging less to some patients and more to others for the same services.

Dentists should be cautious about entering into any plan, scheme or arrangement with third parties which could place him or her in conflict with the Code of Ethics, found in Article 5 of the Rules under the *Dentists Act*, or which could possibly lead to concerns about professional conduct including any arrangement that:

- might or would have the effect of fettering, limiting or interfering with a person's freedom or ability to choose his or her dentist;

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- might or would result in compensation for the member's services such that the member would not or would not likely render adequate services to a patient, in accordance with current generally accepted professional standards; and/or
- causes a member to pay a commission or allow discounts as consideration for patients referred to them for treatment or consultation.

Tell us what you think: Ortho Module, Coronal Whitening

If you have an opinion about proposed changes to the Ortho Module or the addition of coronal whitening by bleaching trays as a core CDA skill (as per the inserts in the summer *Sentinel*) the College will continue to accept written submissions until October 17. Submissions should be made in writing by fax, mail or email to Betty Larsen, Director of Operations and CDA Affairs, blarsen@cdsbc.org. (Fax and address on page 3.)

Duplicate prescription pads

We hate to sound like a broken record, but want to remind dental offices about how the College of Physicians and Surgeons' Controlled Prescription Program (CPP) works for dentists.

- The CPP allows only one duplicate pad at a time to be distributed to a dentist, unless the dentist has a valid reason for needing more than one, e.g. an oral surgeon who needs a prescription pad at the hospital as well as at their practice.
- Any dentist requiring more than one pad must send a letter to the College of Dental Surgeons stating the reason. We will forward your letter to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, who will process the request.
- Each request can take up to two weeks for processing, so make sure you have enough supply on hand to meet the needs of your office.

Council Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the September 2005 meeting have been posted on the College website at www.cdsbc.org under "College Publications", "Communications Points".



College online

New email addresses for College staff

Effective today, all College staff will use a new, consistent format for their email addresses, with the first initial followed by last name @cdsbc.org. Example for Lisa Smith: lsmith@cdsbc.org. Please update your address book accordingly.

Want to receive Contact by email?

Please email mwhite@cdsbc.org.

Contacting the College

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Our Mission

The College of Dental Surgeons of BC assures British Columbians of professional standards of oral health care, ethics and competence by regulating dentistry in a fair and reasonable manner.