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News Bulletin

Changes to maximum CE credits

Effective January 1, 2008

One of the principles of continuing education programs for dentists and certified dental assistants is that courses have a significant connection to dentistry. Another principle is that courses taken should enhance, or at least maintain, the dentist or CDA's competence to practise.

To more accurately reflect these principles, the College adopted the following changes to the maximum allowable credits in two CE categories as reported in the Spring and Fall 2007 issues of the *Sentinel newsletter*.

Dental Practice Management – changed to 30 credits from 54 for dentists, and to 18 credits from 22 for CDAs

Non-Clinical Dental – changed to 15 credits from 20 for dentists, and unchanged for CDAs to a maximum of 12 credits

Pacific Dental Conference Highlights

MORE Tough Patient Situations – make sure to get a seat!

Thursday, March 6, 1:30 – 4 p.m., Ballroom B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

This interactive course builds on last year's incredibly popular presentation and features an all-new series of difficult patient situations about professionalism, billing, treatment planning, informed consent, patient relationships and other relevant topics.

The session will feature on-stage demonstrations of commonly encountered situations as the basis for audience discussion about strategies you can use in your practice. Tough Patient Situations is designed for all members of the dental team.

Recognizing our Colleagues

Thursday, March 6, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Join us to honour and congratulate dentists, CDAs and members of the public who have made significant contributions to the College or dentistry.

100 Years of Quality Dental Care in B.C.

Celebrate a major milestone in the history of dentistry. March 2008 represents 100 years of regulation under the *Dentists Act*.

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College to fund DPAP for CDAs

The College is pleased to announce that, in recognition of the value of the Dental Professional Advisory Program (DPAP), it will provide an operating grant for 2008 – 2009 to DPAP to ensure the continued funding of the program for certified dental assistants in B.C.

REMINDER Licence Renewals due March 3

The deadline for registrants to renew their 2008/2009 licence is Monday, March 3 at 4 p.m. Note that dentists and certified dental assistants must have paid the appropriate licence fee in order to practise in B.C. Did you know you can check and report CE credits online? Visit www.cdsbc.org and log in to the “Registrants” section.

Clinical Practice Guideline on Oral Cancer

Check the next *Sentinel* newsletter and other news outlets for information on the release of the first-ever clinical practice guideline for the Early Detection of Oral Cancer, currently being developed by the Oral Cancer Prevention Program of the BC Cancer Agency with the input and endorsement of the College.

A review of the Guideline will also be included in the Pacific Dental Conference session being presented by Dr. Michele Williams, the oral medicine leader of the BC Oral Cancer Prevention Program. Dr. Williams will present what is new in the detection, diagnosis and care of oral cancer. Titled *Oral Cancer Prevention Program*, the session will run Thursday morning and will be repeated on Friday morning.

CDA on Council

If you are interested in making a direct contribution to the regulation of dentistry, the College is seeking a motivated certified dental assistant to serve as an active member of its 18-member governing Council for a two-year term from September 2008 – 2010. More information about Council, the criteria for the position and an application form are available online at www.cdsbc.org.

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