

Board Highlights 26 February 2011

CDRAF Update

The Registrar provided an update on the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF). The group has decided to reduce the frequency of its meetings to one meeting per year. CDRAF has also added a fifth member to its executive.

CDSBC Committee Projects Update

Infection Control Guidelines

A working group from CDSBC and the College of Dental Hygienists is creating revised Infection Control Guidelines for use in the dental office, including a review of guidelines that exist in other jurisdictions. A draft is currently being developed by the working group, and is expected to be completed within the next two months. Stakeholder consultation will be a core piece of the document development.

Minimal and Moderate Sedation Guidelines

This document is being updated to reflect current practice and to make the content more user-friendly. The framework of the revised Guidelines will be to focus on the level of sedation, as opposed to the type of sedation used. The process has taken longer than expected but is now on track to be published in 2011. Stakeholder consultation will be a core piece of the document development.

Code of Ethics

The Ethics Committee is revising the *Code of Ethics* using a principle-based approach that will be less prescriptive than the existing Code. The updated Code will rely more heavily on the practitioner's use of professional judgment. The first step in the revision of this document was for the Ethics Committee to identify core values as the foundation from which ethical principles will be derived. These were passed by the Board in 2010. The Committee is now working on developing principles.



Dental Recordkeeping Course

CDSBC and the Quality Assurance Committee released revised *Dental Recordkeeping Guidelines* in spring 2010, which will form the basis for CDSBC's new Dental Recordkeeping Course. The course will be debuted on March 11, 2011 at the Pacific Dental Conference.

Patient Relations Program

Under the *Health Professions Act*, the College is required to develop a patient relations program to prevent professional misconduct, including that of a sexual nature. Professional misconduct of a sexual nature is defined as sexual intercourse or other forms of physical sexual relations between the dentist or a CDA and a patient.

It includes touching, behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature. This is differentiated from touching, behavior and remarks by the dentist or CDA towards the patient that are of a clinical nature appropriate to the service being provided. CDSBC expects dentists and CDAs to maintain a professional relationship with patients. It is up to each individual practitioner to determine the appropriate boundaries.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBC Board is Friday, May 27, 2011, at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am, following the 2011 Annual General Meeting.