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NEWS BULLETIN

April 5, 2013

The CDSBC Board has approved two draft practice guidelines for public consultation: *Minimal and Moderate Sedation Services in Dentistry (Non-Hospital Facilities)* and *Sleep Apnea*. Practice Guidelines apply to all registrants, and may be used by CDSBC to determine whether professional responsibilities and appropriate standards of practice have been maintained.

Sleep Apnea Guideline – Draft

Feedback Deadline is April 26, 2013

This short document provides direction to dentists considering oral appliances for patients with snoring or sleep apnea.

The consultation phase will run for three weeks: April 5 – 26, 2013. The College will then collate the feedback for consideration by the Quality Assurance Committee. The intent is to submit the final document to the Board for approval in May 2013.

Read more about the *Sleep Apnea Guideline -- Draft* and how to submit feedback:
www.cdsbc.org/sleep-apnea-guideline-for-public-consultation.

Minimal and Moderate Sedation Services in Dentistry (Non-Hospital Facilities) Guidelines – Draft

Feedback Deadline is June 5, 2013

The changes contained in the draft guidelines on *Minimal and Moderate Sedation Services in Dentistry (Non-Hospital Facilities)* are intended to improve public safety, including requirements for emergency equipment and training, continuing education, qualifications required for the sedation team, and increased oversight by CDSBC. Most of the changes relate to the administration of moderate sedation.

Given the length and complexity of this document, the consultation phase will run for two months: April 5 – June 5, 2013



Unchanged is the requirement that any dentist providing sedation beyond minimal sedation must have their qualifications registered and approved by CDSBC, and may only provide sedation to the level for which they are approved.

Read more about the guidelines on *Minimal and Moderate Sedation Services in Dentistry (Non-Hospital Facilities)* -- Draft for key changes for how to submit feedback: www.cdsbc.org/m-m-sedation-guidelines-for-consultation.

Dentists to Confirm Sedation Services Provided

Later this spring, all practising dentists will receive a letter from CDSBC asking them to confirm the level of sedation they provide, if any, i.e. none, minimal, moderate, deep or general anaesthesia.

The sedation guidelines do not require dentists to register their qualifications if they are providing only a single oral sedative drug and/or nitrous oxide/oxygen for minimal sedation. However, the College requires this information for tracking purposes and so we may better assess our obligations under the draft guidelines (see above).

Dentists' Responsibilities During Insurance Audits

Recently, CDSBC has received correspondence from dentists and patients expressing concern about insurance audits and associated confidentiality and liability issues. This includes a number of inquiries from patients whose dentists have asked them to rescind consent given to insurers to review their files.

Dentists have a duty to protect and keep confidential the personal information of their patients. However, dentists are reminded that patients' personal information belongs to the patient, and not to the dentist or the practice. Patients are entitled to authorize the release of their personal information, and dentists must respect that authorization. Dentists may not interfere with or hinder the insurer from obtaining patient consent.

If you are presented with a consent form signed by a patient for the release of their personal information, it is not a breach of your duty of confidentiality to release it in accordance with the consent form.

The Registrar is preparing a memo to registrants providing more detailed guidance on this issue. A notice will be posted on www.cdsbc.org.

2013 Election Update

As of the close of nominations on March 21, 2013, the following 2013/14 Board positions have been filled by acclamation:



Officers – One-Year Term

President - Dr. Peter Stevenson-Moore
Vice-President - Dr. David Tobias
Treasurer - Dr. Erik Hutton

Board Members – Two-Year Term

District 2 (North) - Dr. Kerim Ozcan
District 3 (Southern Interior) - Dr. Darren Buschel
District 5 (Vancouver Island) - Dr. Dustin Holben

CDA Election

An election will take place on May 16, 2013 for the Certified Dental Assistant position (two-year term). The CDA candidates are:

- Ms. Sherry Messenger
- Mr. Alexis Vides

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible CDAs by April 18, 2013. For more information, contact Jannah Rulfs at 604-736-3621 (or 1-800-663-9169).

Notice of Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting

The 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC will be held on Friday, May 24, 2013 from 8:30 am – 9:30 am at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 34th Floor, “Grouse Room”, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C.

The AGM will be immediately followed by the CDSBC Board Meeting: http://www.cdsbc.org/board_meetings/. The purpose of the AGM is for the President and Registrar/CEO to summarize CDSBC activities over the past year and to share the College’s audited financial statements.

To ensure adequate meeting materials and seating, please RSVP by email to Nancy Crosby, Senior Assistant to the Registrar, at ncrosby@cdsbc.org no later than **Wednesday, May 15**.

Motions and Proposed Resolutions

Under CDSBC Bylaw 3.16(5), only dentists in the following four registration categories may vote or present motions at the AGM, or propose resolutions:

- full registration;
- restricted to specialty registration;
- academic registration; or
- academic (grandparented) registration



The AGM Resolutions Form contains information about how to bring forward specific issues or resolutions for discussion at the AGM. CDSBC has not received any AGM resolutions at this time. The deadline to submit a resolution is April 9, 2013. Download the form here: www.cdsbc.org/~ASSETS/DOCUMENT/AGM-Resolutions-Form-2013.pdf.