



## **Dental Regulator Donates Seized Equipment from Illegal Practices to Not-For-Profit Clinics**

**March 24, 2014, Vancouver:** The College of Dental Surgeons of BC (CDSBC) has donated a substantial amount of the dental equipment and materials seized from three illegal dentists: Tung Sheng (David) Wu, Hua Zheng Huang and Vladimir Shapoval.

These items will be gifted to the Abbotsford Food Bank Free Dental Clinic, and to the New Life Mission Dental Clinic in Kamloops as part of its revitalization. Both clinics offer free or low-cost dental services to low-income individuals in those communities.

"The College is pleased that the equipment and materials confiscated from those unregulated individuals who have been practicing dentistry illegally can be put to good use in the provision of care to patients who are in need," says CDSBC President Dr. Peter Stevenson-Moore.

CDSBC is donating dental chairs, suction equipment, surgical equipment, high- and low-speed hand pieces (dental drills), endodontic (root canal) material, impression material and trays, and restorative material.

The value of CDSBC's donation is estimated to be in the thousands of dollars.

Once all the donated equipment and material is in its new home, it will be cleaned and/or sterilized before being used for patient care. Items that are not appropriate for patient use are being destroyed.

The New Life Mission Dental Clinic provides dental care to a unique group of adults in the Kamloops community who have no other avenue of care due to addiction, poverty, homelessness or other circumstances.

The Abbotsford Free Dental Clinic helps residents with low income and little or no dental coverage. It is serviced by local dentists, certified dental assistants, and hygienists who volunteer their time and services.

CDSBC took action against three illegal dentists last year. You can check the registration status of your dentist by checking the online Directory of Dentists at [www.cdsbc.org](http://www.cdsbc.org).

*The College of Dental Surgeons of BC regulates dentists, dental therapists, and certified dental assistants in the public interest. As a member of the Health Profession Regulators of BC Society, its mandate is to serve and protect the public.*



CDSBC Investigator Dr. Alex Penner (left) hands a \$1,500 root canal tool to Dr. Bruce Prokopetz (right) of Kamloops New Life Mission Dental Clinic.

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