

REPORT TO THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS OF CANADA September 27, 2025

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National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE)

CDSA has appointed Dr. Lisa Johnson as the representative to the RCDC NDSE committee replacing Dr. Trish Lukat. The CDSA continues to encourage each of the specialties to participate in the development of NDSE competency profiles.

Value of RCDC Fellowship to New Graduates

CDSA continues to have board members participating with resident outreach in conjunction with the RCDC to help promote the value of fellowship to the future specialist. CDSA is committed to support the RCDC in promoting the value of both the NDSE and the Fellowship exam. Upcoming event is at the **University of British Columbia**: September 17, 2025, and October 1, 2025. Ms. Amandine Perdebat, Managing Director of the RCDC is a regular guest at our quarterly meetings.

CDCP Engagement Network

CDSA continues to ensure that the specialist's voice is heard with respect to the CDCP. Dr. Paul Andrews and Dr. Keith DaSilva participated in the initial focus groups, while Dr. Duy-Dat Vu, Dr. Paul Andrews and Dr. Lisa Johnson will be participating in the newly formed CDCP engagement network. This group's aim is to support the Oral Health Branch (OHB) of Health Canada, Sun Life and members representing oral health professions with a forum for continued engagement and information sharing related to the CDCP. The inaugural meeting will be held virtually October 1, 2025.

Members of the CADA continue to experience difficulties navigating the implementation of the CDCP. The APC is concerned about the lack of approvals and the onerous preauthorization process for prosthodontists on CDCP. The approval process and documentation required are much more onerous and complex than it is for any other program, whether private or other (provincial) programs. The APC is also concerned about inconsistency among the provinces for the coverage for medically necessary dentistry including patients needing reconstruction as a result of cancer, cleft lip and palate, trauma, etc. which can cause inequalities for patients or lead families to move to different provinces due to specific dental rehabilitation coverage needs.



USC&LS

The work of the USC&LS is ongoing, participating in the annual changes made to all fee guides as listed at the front of the yearly published fee guides. Dr. Paul Andrews continues to represent the needs of all dental specialists, and as such puts great effort in seeking input from each of the appropriate specialties through discussions through glass cubes. Some of our members feel that Glasscubes platform is difficult to access.

Current Projects

The CDSA recently had the opportunity to band together and support the CAE (endodontics) in ensuring that negative commentaries regarding root canal therapy be removed from an advertising campaign for PolicyMe and Securian Canada.

The CDSA is supportive of the concerns of the APC (prosthodontics) regarding the scope of practise expansion for denturists in Ontario.

The CDSA is currently working on a collective voice to support CAOMR regarding their concerns re: CBCT.

Respectfully submitted,

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