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October 15-21, 2006



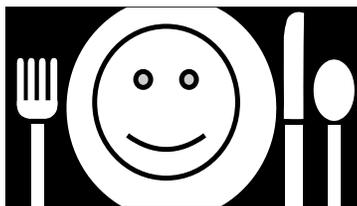
This year, **National Dental Hygiene Week** is being celebrated from **October 15-21**. Please make a point to get involved in your community and promote our profession. We would love to publish your efforts in our newsletter, so once you have completed your project, *don't be a stranger!*

Want to support **SOUP UP YOUR SMILE?!**

Soup up your Smile is the School of Dental Hygiene's annual outreach event. This year, we the 2nd year dental hygiene class, will be reaching out to the patrons of Siloam Mission on October 24th. We will also be welcoming students from the Winnipeg Adult Education ESL and Literacy program to the Brodie Centre at the University of Manitoba on October 26th. Join us in helping to make a difference! We are looking for donations for prize draws to make the events a success. Past winners have really appreciated warm clothing, backpacks, toiletries, coupons for food, haircuts, blankets, towels, bus passes/tickets, or anything that someone in need can use. We will also be hosting a clothing drive for Siloam Mission and would appreciate any clean, used articles of clothing that you can spare. Please drop off items at the School of Dental Hygiene office, D-35, 780 Bannatyne Ave., Attention Mickey Wener by October 13th. Used clothing can be dropped off in the Dental Hygiene student lounge at any time! Any questions, email Wenerme@cc.umanitoba.ca or Call 789-3488.

Thank you for your support!

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President's Message...

By Kim Legary, MDHA President

It is September!!! We all know that even if this is not the beginning of a new calendar year, it is the real beginning of another year. For most of us these past few weeks have been full of organizing timetables, signing up for activities, purchasing that perfect fall/winter wardrobe, and hoping we can fulfill all of our new and old commitments. As the 2006-2007 President of the Manitoba Dental Hygienists' Association I welcome you to this new year. This is a *deja-vu* moment for me since I sat in this chair before as I was President of the MDHA in 1987. I have held numerous positions with the MDHA over the years including: secretary, auxiliary legislation rep, Manitoba Dental Association Auxiliary Committee Member, representative to the MDA, representative to the Dental Professions Act Working Group for the Government of Manitoba, member of the legislation committee, representative to the Provincial Council of Women, and Provincial Director of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association. Therefore, I bring to my position an understanding of the Manitoba Dental Hygienists' Association's dedication to its membership and to the public.

This should prove to be a very exciting year for the MDHA since we all know that we, as dental hygienists in the province of Manitoba, are in the transitional phase of acquiring self-regulation. By this time next year we hope that the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba (CDHM) will be our legal regulatory body. The CDHM will be mandated by the Government of Manitoba to register and license all practicing dental hygienists practice in accordance with their accepted scope of practice, guaranteeing that the public receives care from a competent dental hygienist. The Manitoba Dental Hygienists' Association will remain the professional association representing the dental hygienists of Manitoba. With the attainment of professional self-regulation, comes a new responsibility for our organization as we will now become an important player in the health policy community of Manitoba. Now, more than ever, we must have a strong voice and vision in order to gain the respect of others within the health policy community. It is the mandate of the MDHA "to cultivate, promote, and sustain the art and science of dental hygiene, to represent, maintain, and safeguard the honour and communication, unity, and social intercourse among its members, and to contribute toward the education and improvement of the health of the public". These objectives were part of the revised constitution of the MDHA in 1988 and remain our objectives today.

To meet these objectives the MDHA must have a solid foundation with communication being one of its strongest pillars. We must be able to listen to, and understand what is important to our members, and be able to communicate information that will support the profession and practice of dental hygiene with both, our members and the public. We must be active in our community and foster relationships with other health professionals and the public, to ensure that Manitobans are receiving the best health care possible. Without strong internal communication with our members, it will be difficult to project a strong external image to the public and to policy makers.

As your President for this current term my personal goal for the association is to build a strong line of communication. This line of communication will start with this edition of *Montage* and through your voices as the dental hygienists of Manitoba, it will gain strength. The MDHA Executive wants to hear from you. What is it like for you to be a practicing dental hygienist in Manitoba? What challenges do you face everyday in your workplace, and how can the MDHA be of support to you?

You are the Manitoba Dental Hygienists' Association and we need to hear from you; so please call a member of your executive or drop us an email because we are here to serve you!

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Message from your President- Elect

My name is Mary Bertone and I am a talkaholic.

I am also your MDHA President-Elect, and I look forward to serving as your President for the term 2007-2008. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and have you get to know me. My plans as your MDHA President-elect include lots of listening, learning, and contributing to our profession during this time of exciting change.

“Communication works for those who work at it.”

John Powell

I am employed by the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry, Centre for Community Oral Health with the Health Promotion Unit. This work involves providing dental hygiene care in long term care facilities, as well as promoting oral health through presentations, displays, and the creation of brochures and fact sheets. Working with many age groups, people of varying socio-economic circumstances, and in all corners of the province, and I have seen the need for an expanded role for the dental hygienist as part of the progressive health care team. Although I am a recent dental hygiene graduate, I have had many years of experience in the dental field as a dental assistant. I have always tried to contribute to my profession so it was a natural progression for me to become involved in our association.

So did I mention that I like to talk!?

In keeping with the President’s message of communication, your MDHA Executive Council needs to hear what you have to say. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not be shy to share...the more we all talk, the louder our collective voice. Sometimes we might feel that no one is listening (like my kids) but for the profession of Dental Hygiene to move forward we need your input. Our doors are open, and so are our ears and minds.

This year as President–Elect you do the talking and I’ll do the listening...

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If you have concerns about the scaling module, you should:

- Document your concerns
- Submit your written and signed concerns to the MDHA
- Promote yourself as a Registered Dental Hygienist
- Display your Diploma and license in Dental Hygiene in a visible area in your operatory
- Inform your clients of your education and scope of practice

Legislation Committee Update

MDHA's Legislation Committee is busy at work helping to support the efforts of the Transitional Council (TC) of the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba (CDHM). In June 2006 the TC began and subcommittees have been busy all summer, and a meeting is planned for Sept 13th. At this meeting draft regulations and by-laws, the application form for registering dental hygienists and job descriptions for the registrar and other key individuals will be discussed.

OPPORTUNITIES

We have received calls from dental hygienists who are interested in serving with the CDHM in some of the following positions. Please consider your interest here and contact us!

Registrar: 1 dental hygienist who is a part-time CDHM employee

Registers dental hygienists

Member of Council: 6 dental hygienists, 3 public representatives

Manages the business and affairs of the CDHM

Member of Board of Assessors: 3 dental hygienists

Reviews/approves applications for registering to practice

Member of Complaints Committee: 2 dental hygienists, 1 public representative

Reviews complaints made regarding a dental hygienist; makes decisions regarding the handling of a complaint, including monitoring or placing conditions on the member's practice.

Member of Inquiry Committee: 2 dental hygienists, 1 public representative

Conducts hearings regarding complaints referred on by the Complaints Committee

Member of Continuing Competency Committee: will oversee quality assurance/continuing competency program

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Dental hygienists continue to contact MDHA with questions regarding what will be happening when the CDHM is in effect.

When will dental hygienists be able to work without the dentist in the office?

This is a question asked by both dental hygienists and dentists. As regulations and by-laws are still in the development stages, the Transitional Council anticipates that the MDA will continue to register dental hygienists for 2007. As the MDA requires direct supervision, we anticipate this will continue until regulatory responsibility is passed to the CDHM. The actual details of scope of practice and supervision will soon be under discussion by the Transitional Council. Until things get further along, it is hard to predict when the CDHM will first register dental hygienists; however, in this regard MDHA's goal continues to be increasing access to care by the removal of restrictive supervision.

I have not taken the National Dental Hygiene Board (NDHCB) Exam, but would like to practice in Manitoba. Will I need to take it?

If you are currently a dental hygienist licensed to practice in Manitoba, in all likelihood you will upon completing an application form and paying the registration fee be grandparented directly into the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba. Once the CDHM is in effect, however, it is anticipated that new graduates and graduates from other provinces will be required to have the NDHCB Exam.

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Teaching Opportunity

For those of you who have been thinking about someday doing some clinical teaching at the School of Dental Hygiene, this may be the time for you to consider applying for some openings that have arisen for the winter term.
(Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings)

Requirements: Graduation from an accredited school of dental hygiene; preferably hold a Bachelors degree; have a minimum of 5 years of clinical experience and have excellent communication skills along with a real desire to “teach”. Membership in MDHA/CDHA is required along with current CPR certification.

Salary: The School of Dental Hygiene part-time faculty salaries are based on credentials and years of experience and thus range from \$27.40 - \$40.32 per hour. Additionally, 6% vacation pay is added to the hourly rate for all faculty. Offers are made annually based on need. Current Part-time faculty are given seniority over times and days.

To Apply: Please submit your resume to: Prof. Salme Lavigne, Director, School of Dental Hygiene, 780 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3E 0W2 or e-mail to: salme_lavigne@umanitoba.ca

Attention!!

**MDHA is in the process of updating their members only website on the CDHA website.
Check it out!!**

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Legislation Committee Update

Once I am registered in Manitoba under the CDHM, would I be able to practice anywhere else in Canada?

There is an attempt on the part of regulatory bodies to recognize credentials from other provinces if the individual is in good standing and has met the province of origin's requirements for registration. However, the province in which the applicant would like to register does have the responsibility for ensuring that the public is protected, and therefore that the applicant is competent. It is in the applicant's best interests to directly contact the province they would like to practice in to ensure that they meet its requirements.

We hope this has been helpful. Please submit any questions you may have to the Legislation Committee and we will be happy to address them to the best of our ability.

Please contact me at: mewener@shaw.ca or 885-7180 (H) or 789-3488 (W).

Look for further updates from the Legislation Committee to MDHA members through Montage, and also to all Manitoba licensed dental hygienists from the Transitional Council via direct mail.

You can find the Dental Hygienists Act at:

<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/2005/c05105e.php>

Mickey Emmons Wener
MDHA Legislation Chairperson
September 4, 2006

MDA Graduates Pilot Class of Preventive Dentistry Scaling Module for Dental Assistants

History

In March 2004, the MDA directed the Oral Health Team Committee to investigate the addition of scaling procedures for dental assistants. The Oral Health Team Committee, with MDHA representation, developed recommendations for a Pilot Module that was presented to the MDA Board. Based on those recommendations, the MDA Board approved the development of a Preventive Dentistry Scaling Module for Dental Assistants. A Task Force was struck with representation from key stakeholders including the MDHA. After the first meeting of the Task Force, the MDHA representative requested that a decision be made by the Association whether to continue its participation. At the Annual Mid-Winter meeting of the MDHA, a motion was made and supported by the membership to withdraw representation from the Task Force due to a direct juxtaposition of MDHA's mission. The School of Dental Hygiene, the Faculty of Dentistry, and a representative of the Manitoba Society of Periodontists remained on the Task Force along with other members representing urban and rural dentists, dental assistants, and dental assisting educators. Throughout the winter of 2005, the Task Force met to develop reasonable criteria for this proposal. Task Force recommendations were sent to the MDA Board for consideration at which time the Task Force was disbanded. The MDA Board then struck another Board Sub-Committee to review the Task Force recommendations. The resulting revision was substantially altered to include periodontal probing and subgingival debridement to 2mm.

In January of 2006, the MDHA invited the MDA President (Lee McFadden) and our Representative to the MDA Board (Mary Ann Marks Level II DA) to update our membership at our Annual Mid-Winter meeting on the progress of the scaling module. Both requests were declined. The newly appointed Preventive Dentistry Scaling Module Selection Committee of the MDA awarded CDI College the tender to pilot the program at its January 26, 2006 Board Meeting. In March 2006, sixteen level 2 dental assistants with a minimum of 3years experience within the last 5 years were selected to begin the pilot. The course was comprised of a six week home study component followed by a part-time evening and weekend clinical component spanning a two month period. Fifteen students successfully completed the program and were able to apply their skills as of July 17, 2006.

Scope of Practice

In addition to their Level II duties, the Preventive Dentistry Scaling Assistant is able to practice the following under the Direct Supervision of a licensed Dentist:

- Use the explorer, periodontal probe, air, light and transillumination to locate and detect calculus deposits to 2mm subgingivally
- Use anterior and posterior sickle scalers and universal curettes to remove coronal stains, calculus, and plaque to 2mm subgingivally
- Sharpen scalers and universal curettes
- Identify and solve instrumentation problems

Evaluation

The selection committee will perform a full evaluation of the pilot program with the report presented to the MDA Board at its October 14th 2006 meeting.

Note: The above information was procured from the President of the MDA upon request

Executive Director's Report

Harriet Rosenbaum

Subject: Membership

Indulge me in my fantasy if you will. It is the year 2006 and since Manitoba is a very progressive province, dental hygienists are self regulated and reaching a segment of the population who may not have had access to our services in the past. Dental hygiene professionals are required to self-evaluate as part of an extensive all encompassing continuing competency program. Attendance at professional development courses hovers around the 80% mark, the same attendance for general meetings.

This can be a reality! We are almost there. If you would have told dental hygienists 30 years ago. That these activities could occur in the new millennium they would have laughed their heads off, but no need to laugh now. If you have been following the progress of the legislative committee, you will see that Manitoba's Dental Hygienists are almost there.

Now we need to focus our energies on our membership. Where do we go from here? Many of our volunteers' energies and efforts have been funneled into achieving self regulation, a goal that 70% of Manitoba hygienists shared. Now we need to focus our energies in a new direction. Our membership will set our new course. Our numbers are strong but they could be stronger. Our annual general meeting had its highest turn out this year, at 62 members. This is great, but currently we have 332 members. Where is everyone? What are your needs? We are your association and the association gives back to the community. Typically at this time of year I list all the membership benefits in MDHA and CDHA that are offered to you. Well, hopefully you are aware of them, but we would like to have further communication with you so we can meet your expectations.

Would you like a part of the newsletter to voice your practice concerns?

Would you like some other professional development courses that we are not offering?

Let me know, we want to hear from you and continue to evolve with you as professionals.

Membership as they say it has its benefits, what would you like yours to be?

SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE

MDHA is selling fleece vests that were embroidered with blue thread instead of purple and in men's sizes instead of ladies.

We are selling them at a reduced rate of \$35.

These are high quality black fleece vests.
Only 16 available, in a variety of sizes.

Call Harriet to get yours, winter is coming.....

981-7327 or contact her by email at
mdha@mts.net or mdha2@mts.net





2006-2007

Dental Hygiene Professional Development Calendar

September

Friday September 15, 2006

Winnipeg Dental Society
Harald Heymann
 “Adhesive and Esthetic Dentistry: Proven Solutions for Clinical Success”
Location: Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Cres.

Saturday September 16, 2006 (6 Cr.)

U of M Calendar
Joanna Asadoorian, AAS (DH), MSc.

AM: “Dental Hygiene Quality Assurance and Continuing Competency Programming in Manitoba: What’s It All About?”

PM: “Evidence Based Recommendations For Oral Health Behaviors In Adult Populations”

October

Friday October 6, 2006

Winnipeg Dental Society
Dr. Karl Keiser
 “Building Effective Strategies to Manage Endo Pain”

November

Friday November 3rd, 2006

Winnipeg Dental Society
Dr. Clifford Ruddle
 “Creating Endodontic Excellence”
Location: Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Cres.

November 3rd – 5th, 2006

School of Dental Hygiene (3 day course)
 “Local Anesthetic Certification Course”
 Please call **789-3683** for registration.
Deadline for registration is **October 1st, 2006.**

February

Friday, February 2nd, 2007 (6Cr.)

MDA 123rd Mid-Winter Annual Convention
Dr. Seema Ganatra
 “Oral Pathology”
Location: Victoria Inn, Brandon, Manitoba
Phone Number: 1-204-725-1532

February

MDHA FREE CE Course
 (Evening 2Cr, Date TBA)
 “Evening of Employment”

March

Friday March 16, 2007

Winnipeg Dental Society
Dr. Robert Margeas
 “Porcelain Veneers/Direct Resins/
 Simplified Implants”
Location: Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Cres.

Saturday March 17, 2007 (6Cr.)

U of M Calendar
Laura MacDonald, Dip DH, BSc(DH), MEd;
Dean Kriellaars, PhD;
Brenda Kulik Macalay, MB Fitness Instructor.
 “Core Body Strength and Your Practice”

April

Friday April 13, 2007

Winnipeg Dental Society
Dr. Paul Kerr (8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon)
 “Oral Cancer Carcinogenesis & Pre-Malignancy”,
 “Management of Oral Cancer”, and “Head and Neck
 Cancer-Into the Future”
Dr. Leo Fung (2:00pm-4:30pm)
 “Head and Neck Cancer Treatment” and “Dental
 Rehabilitation”
Location: Victoria Inn: 1808 Wellington Cres.

CPR dates are being finalized. Remember in order to keep up with your local anaesthetic, you must have current CPR. MDHA is keeping a list of names until the dates are finalized. **Please either email Harriet or call to reserve your place at mdha2@mts.net or mdha@mts.net or call 981-7327**

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**2006-2007 Dental Hygiene
Professional Development Calendar continued...**

April (continued)

Saturday April 14, 2007 (6Cr.)

U of M Calendar

Dr. Leah **Kells**, BN, BA, DMD, M Dent (Perio), FRCD(C)
"Ask the Periodontist" (9-12)

Dr. Richard **Haydey**, BSc, Med, MD, FRCP (Dermatology)
"Dermatology (1-4pm)

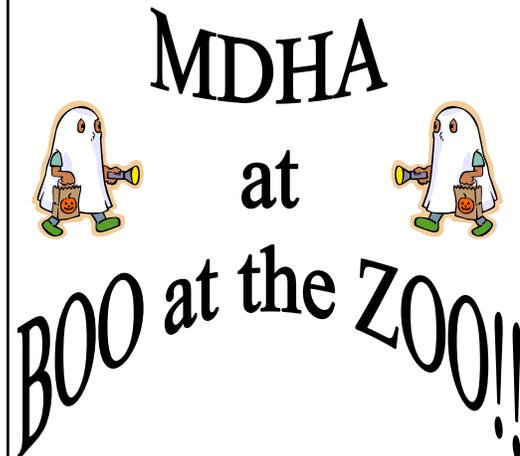
Spring (Dates TBA)

School of Dental Hygiene (3 day course)
"Local Anesthetic Certification Course"
Please call 789-3683 for registration.

School of Dental Hygiene
"Restorative Certification Course" (3 day course) Please call
Diane Girardin at 789-3683 for registration.

***Please contact Shannon at
275-2189 or shannonk@mts.net for information**

***Please call the Winnipeg Dental Society (Chris Cottick) at
988-5300 for information on registration**



MDHA is thrilled to announce that it will be spreading the word about proper nutrition and good oral hygiene for this upcoming Halloween at BOO at the ZOO!

That's right, MDHA will be partnering with Hot 103.1 and QX 104.1 FM at Boo at the Zoo on Friday October 20th and Friday, October 27th. **Your help is needed!**

If you can donate any time for this event in any capacity, **please call Nicole at 582-5793.** Looking forward to hearing from you.

OPEN WIDE 2006

The Manitoba Dental Association in partnership with the University of Manitoba-Faculty of Dentistry is once again hosting an 'Open Wide' day. 'Open Wide' is a free day of dentistry where licensed dentists and oral health team members provide dental treatment at no cost to the public. 'Open Wide' 2006 will be held Saturday, October 21st, 2006 @ the Faculty of Dentistry Community Clinic, 790 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg.

Dental Hygienist Volunteer Registration Form

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____
 PHONE: _____ FAX: _____
 I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING SHIFT
 8:00AM—1:00PM 12:30PM—4:00PM ALL DAY NO PREFERENCE

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Please return by October 2, 2006

**Deadline for Winter 2006
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