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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

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This publication is e-mailed out to members and posted online on the College's website within two working days after each Council meeting. We welcome your feedback. If you have questions about any of these items, please contact RCDSO Registrar Irwin Fefergrad at 416-934-5625, toll-free at 1-800-565-4591, or by e-mail at ifefergrad@rcdso.org.

NEW GUIDELINES ON ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Council approved these new Guidelines that complement the existing Guidelines on Dental Recordkeeping and provide best practices for members about how electronic records should be created and managed. To date, there have been few guidelines about electronic records management for health care professionals. This new document is comprehensive and provides detailed recommendations for dentists who wish to use electronic records to implement as soon as practicable. The new Guidelines will be posted on the College website within the week. A paper copy will be distributed to all members with the May/June issue of Dispatch magazine.

APPROVAL OF PERMIT PROCESS FOR DENTAL CT SCANNERS

Council passed the bylaws and bylaw amendments to set up the facility permit process to allow dentists to use CT scanners. There was a thorough and open consultation process.

The process will open on Monday, April 2. All the necessary forms and other background information will be posted on the College's website then.

The process is modelled after the facility permit system for the use of sedation and general anesthesia. You register your education and training with the College and obtain a provisional permit. Then you pursue the various milestones set out in the Standard for Dental CT Scanners to begin operating a dental CT scanner in preparation for a facility inspection. Once you are found in compliance with the Standard, you are issued an annual facility permit. The cost of the initial application and inspection is \$850.

FACILITY PERMIT FEES FOR SEDATION AND GENERAL ANESTHESIA

Council approved the bylaw changes to increase the fee for initial application and inspection for a facility permit to \$750 and to \$350 for a renewal application. This increase ensures that the actual costs associated with the process are borne by those using the process instead of by all the College's members. These new fees are effective immediately. However, permit applications and renewal applications currently on file with the College or received prior to March 31, 2012, will be processed at the previous fee. There was a thorough and open consultation process.

CHANGES TO PUBLIC REGISTER

Currently the public register includes the names and addresses of all practice locations that have facility permits authorizing sedation and general anesthesia. Council has approved adding the names of all persons, including dentists and physicians, who are authorized to administer sedation and/or general anesthesia at those practice locations. A notation about the highest modality of sedation and/or general anesthesia that the individual is authorized to administer will also be included. Similar types of information will be added about members who obtain a facility permit authorizing the installation and operation of a dental CT scanner.

OFFICE OF THE FAIRNESS COMMISSIONER

The College has once again received an extremely favourable report from the OFC during its annual assessment or audit of our registration practices and procedures. There were no areas identified for improvement; in fact, the College was commended for the accessibility and transparency of its process.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

In late February College staff and College President Dr. Peter Trainor and Dr. David Clark, Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee, held a positive meeting with representatives of the Ontario Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons as discussions continue on the expansion of the scope of practice for oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

As the term of public member Parminder Chahal expired on October 31, 2011, he has been replaced as chair of the Professional Liability Committee by public member Evelyn Laraya. Ms. Laraya is also appointed to the Discipline Committee.

Council also reappointed the following non-Council members to the PLP Committee for a further three year term: Dr. Vincent Carere, Dr. Michael Glogauer and Dr. Gurneen Sidhu.

Public member Kelly Bolduc-O'Hare is appointed to the Registration Committee. Public member Mofazzal Howladar is appointed as a member of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee.

NEW CORE COURSES

The Quality Assurance Committee has approved a total of 15 new courses for the core course category for continuing education points. The updated list of the new courses will be posted on the College website within the next week.

ELECTION AND SELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

Council approved by-law changes that institute a two year cooling-off period for former salaried employees of the College who wish to seek election to Council or appointment as a non-Council member to College committees.

TRAINING SESSION FOR MENTORING/MONITORING

Recently about 15 members attended a training session at the College for taking on mentoring and monitoring roles at the College. Originally these dentists had indicated their interest in serving at the College by submitting their names for non-Council positions but were not selected.

CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW

Council has agreed to have the Legal and Legislation Committee make a comprehensive study of the Code of Conduct for Council members and bring any recommended amendments to Council for consideration.