

MDAA Continuing Education Committee

The MDAA as the member services association for the Registered Dental Assistants of Manitoba is committed to providing our members the opportunity for continued educational access.

Last fall on October 5, 2019 The MDAA hosted our most recent CE. We were lucky to have guest impart knowledge to us from various industries. We had a great turnout as we hosted our event at the Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport Hotel. Many of our fellow RDA's took the opportunity to come out and see our presenters. The day began with a relevant topic with newly legalization of marijuana, Dr. Jonathan Archer presented to our attendees on legalized marijuana, basic truths and treating patients who use recreationally or medicinally. This was a first for this subject matter to be presented on out our CE's and were most appreciative all the information and insight Dr. Archer shared with us. In between speakers there were various draws were many in attendance were able to bring home a little something from one of our many corporate sponsors. Prizes were plentiful and ranged from McDonalds and Subway Gift Certificates to the "grand prizes" of a Google Nest Hub and Amazon link10, all lucky winners were featured on our website. Our CE's next presenter was the MDAA's "guru" on Infection Control Kathy Purves. We are always fortunate to have Kathy bring us all the latest information on Infection Control and regulations. Our final presenters at our CE were a father, daughter financial planning team, that helped give us some tips and insight for hard earned dollars.

Planning for our Fall CE began back at the beginning of the year. A venue was chosen presenters lined up...and then COVID-19. As so many facets of life and business were affected so to was our plan to gather over 100 people in one indoor venue. The venue had to be cancelled but we have saved a spot for next year in the hopes we can host an in person CE session next fall. A contingency plan of setting of a virtual CE got the go ahead and together with MDAA's AGM the Fall CE will be hosted via virtual platform. A first for the MDAA! At the time of this report we were still crossing the t's and dotting the I's on the final logistics. Dr. William Wieler, Orthodontist will start the day. We will have lined up as presenter Kathy Purves from Germiphene who will have so much information for us as we and the world focus on infection control. The MDAA is happy to report that this will be of no fee to our membership, a goal that the MDAA has worked towards to be able to provide continuing education sessions without fee.

Moving forward the MDAA Continuing Education will continue to work to provide our members with Continuing Education opportunities.

Submitted by the MDAA Continuing Education Committee