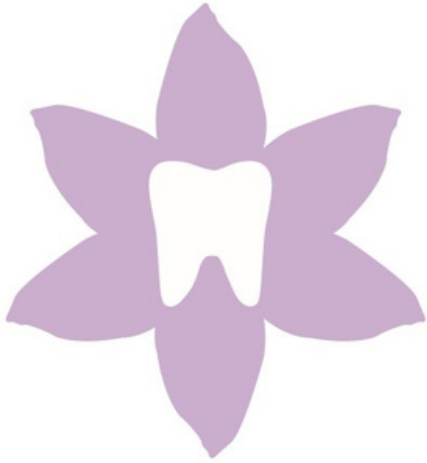


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# MDAA

Manitoba Dental Assistants Association

## NEWSLETTER



**MESSAGE  
FROM OUR  
PAST  
PRESIDENT:  
TRINA  
BOURGOIS**

To my fellow members, this past September it was my time to pass the gavel as they say on some occasions. My time as president has been longer than most and probably more challenging than some. There was COVID, and dealing with the virtual world, those virtual kinks certainly do present certain challenges.

But I have enjoyed the experience and enjoyed helping the association even if we only made baby steps to where we wanted to go, but baby steps are still moving forward. It is always the goal to assist in improving the environment that we work within. This has been the goal for many years and always the hope of each President who takes the position. To work with the Board of Directors to improve our working environment and work towards better relationships with the Dentist members. We have improved some communications with the dentists but still have lots of work to do towards improving the relationships and earning more respect and better working conditions.

But this takes lots of work and energy and we need to work together. It takes many hands to make a change, which is why I always encourage registered dental assistants to be a part of the board, join the movement, and help work towards our goals.

I will pass the gavel onto our new President Heather Brownlee who has been in this role before, so I know she has the experience and the same drive to continue the goals of the association. This will be alongside our Board of Directors and the new Executive Director; Kyle Mason who is very competent in his skills and determination. I look forward to the progression of our missions!

Sincerely,

Trina Bourgeois



# CANADIAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

## ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES ASSISTANT.E.S DENTAIRES



I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I'm sorry to see it end but this is our back-to-business time of the year as we had our last meeting in June at our AGM in Ottawa.

It's been a year full of changes for the CDAA with the appointment of our new Executive Director, Leslie Wirth in April. She brings extensive professional experience in Organizational Transformation, Strategy, and Governance. In June at our Annual general meeting, we appointed a new board.

#### Board of Directors: Executive

- President: Kelly Mansfield (Ontario Dental Assistants' Association)
- Vice-President: Robyn Brown (Newfoundland & Labrador Assistants' Association)
- Treasurer: Tabatha Blais (MDAA)
- Secretary: Alicia Marshall (Ontario Dental Assistants' Association)
- Past President: Heather Brownlee (MDAA)

#### Directors

- Melissa Blow (Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association)
- Natalie Marsh (Nova Scotia Dental Assistants' Association)
- Chelsea Nicholas (New Brunswick Dental Assistants' Association)
- CWO Susanne Richard-Wilson (Royal Canadian Dental Corps)
- Crystal Wall (Alberta Association of Dental Assistants)

The CDAA joined the Institute of Corporate Directors in May and has since started our training in the Rotman Governance Essentials Program (GEP). Our President, Secretary, and NBDAA had their training in September, and I will be attending that program in November. Being part of ICP gives us valuable resources and educational opportunities. We are excited to use this resource as the CDAA keeps moving forward.

At our AGM, we as a board decided that instead of meeting every 6-8 weeks over Zoom, we would have 4 meetings a year. They would be in person in one of the residing provinces of our Board of Directors. Our first meeting this year is October 15th, 2023, in Halifax.

We had a presentation at our AGM on Taking a Bite out of Workplace Harassment and Violence for Dental Assistants Across Canada, presented by Jennifer Wootton, BComm, LLB, Workplace Investigation Law. We learned about Human Rights Laws, Workplace Harassment and Violence Laws, and Health and Safety Legislation.

September 14th, 2023 there was a small presentation from the Mental Health Commission of Canada. They spoke about different courses they have for workplace mental health and wellness for Oral Healthcare Professionals. Should you wish to check out their website they have some resources that would be a starting point for any office, Mental health Continuum tool and mental health guides and posters are available.

Finally, I am excited to announce that the CDAA is re-branding. This will take over a year, and I am excited to keep you all up to date during this process.  
Have a safe and wonderful fall.

Best Regards,

Tabatha Blais

AN UPDATE FROM  
TABATHA BLAIS

CDAA AND MDAA  
BOARD MEMBER





**LIMITED  
TIME  
OFFER**

Our partners with Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc., have recently arranged a special offer for members until October 31, 2023!

You and your spouse can purchase up to \$50,000 of Term Life Insurance with NO medical questions. Learn more at [www.specialmarkets.ia.ca/offercdaa](http://www.specialmarkets.ia.ca/offercdaa)



Kyle is an experienced award-winning Indigenous Consultant and Nonprofit Leader with a proven track record of making a difference. Kyle has extensive experience building non-profits from the ground up or helping them grow to new heights. Kyle believes in building on people's and the community's strengths, not the gaps. In his personal time, you can find him attending local community events, volunteering on numerous boards, or spending time with his young son.

You can reach him at [mdaa@mdaa.ca](mailto:mdaa@mdaa.ca)



MEET OUR  
NEW  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

**MDAA Mission Statement:**

“To advance the careers of dental assistants in Manitoba, and to promote the dental assisting profession in matters of education and professional activities that enhance the delivery of quality dental health care to the public.”

The Manitoba Dental Assistants Association is your member services provider and exists to assist you with continuing education opportunities which include updates on relevant health issues and changes within the dental assisting profession.

**Board of Directors:**

Executive

- President - Heather Brownlee
- Vice-President Navroop Randhawa
- Treasurer - Jessica Schultz
- Secretary - C. Athena Wilford
- Past-President - Trina Bourgeois

Directors

- Marta Bhopalsingh
- Tabatha Blais
- Pam Mikos
- Meghan Ostlund
- Grettel Gonzalez



# Continuing Professional Development For Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Year at a Glance 2023-2024

For a full list of courses and registration instructions, go to [cpd-umanitoba.com/event](http://cpd-umanitoba.com/event)

Questions? Email us for more information:  
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 <p>Single or multi-day certification programs with assessments that have lecture +/- hands-on components</p>	 <p>Offered online only</p>	 <p>Competency-based programs with/without assessments that have lecture +/- hands-on component</p>	 <p>Lecture program of interest to all oral healthcare providers and business staff</p>
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## Certification Courses

**October 14-15, 2023 and December 3, 2023**  
**Therapeutic Use of Neuromodulators in Dentistry – Bruxism and Myofascial Pain & Parafunction**  
 👤 Dr. Tareq Aldejani, Dr. Israa Elgazzar, Dr. Murray Fain  
 ⌚ 24 CDE credit hours [Registration](#)

**November 4, 2023**  
**Local Anesthetic Techniques Refresher Module for the Dental Hygienist**  
 👤 Shannon Nichol  
 ⌚ 15 CDE credit hours [Registration](#)

**February 2024**  
**Cone Beam Radiology Technique for the Dental Hygienist and Dental Assistant**  
 👤 Dr. Rolland Gilles, Dr. Stacey Lamarche, Dr. Sunil Mutalik  
 ⌚ 15 CDE credit hours [Registration](#)

**March 2024**  
**Orthodontic Module Refresher for the Dental Hygienist** [Registration](#)  
 👤 Graduate Orthodontic Program, Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry

**April 12-14, 2024**  
**Local Anesthetic Techniques Certification for the Dental Hygienist**  
 👤 Shannon Nichol  
 ⌚ 45 CDE credit hours [Registration](#)

**June 2024**  
**Restorative Techniques for the Dental Hygienist** [Registration](#)  
 ⌚ 110 CDE credit hours

## Online Lecture Series

3 CDE credits per course | Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

<b>Single course fee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dentists: \$225</li> <li>• Dental Hygienists: \$135</li> <li>• Dental Assistants and others: \$105</li> </ul>	<b>Bundle fee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dentists: \$645</li> <li>• Dental Hygienists: \$355</li> <li>• Dental Assistants and others: \$255</li> </ul>
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### Registration for bundles

**October 28, 2023**  
**Neuromodulator and Dermal Filler Use in Dentistry – Pre-operative Considerations for the Dental Team (D, DH, DA)**  
 👤 Dr. Israa Elgazzar

**February 24, 2024**  
**Orofacial Pain and Temporomandibular Dysfunction (D, DH, DA)**  
 👤 Dr. Tareq Aldajani

**November 18, 2023**  
**Advanced Periodontal Therapy (D, DH, DA)**  
 👤 Dr. Chrysi Stavropoulou

**March 9, 2024**  
**New Periodontal and Peri-Implant Classification (D, DH, DA)**  
 👤 Dr. Sylvia Todescan

**January 6, 2024**  
**New Age of Data Management and Information Security (D, DH, DA)**  
 👤 Dr. Amarjit Rihal

**April 27, 2024**  
**Dental Anesthesia – The New Dental Specialty in Canada (D, DH, DA)**  
 👤 Dr. Daniel Haas

### Registration for online courses

**UM Homecoming at the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry** presents:  
**September 23, 2023**  
**A Multi-disciplinary Approach to Complex Case Management in Dentistry**  
 👤 Dr. Meagan Brown, Dr. Paul Klassen, Dr. Mithun Manohar, Dr. Paul Mikhail, Dr. Derek Oryniak, Dr. Ana Schettini  
 ⌚ 2.5 CDE credit hours

**Dr. Elizabeth Tippet Pope Endowment Lectureship** presents:  
**November 25, 2023**  
**Management of Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office**  
 👤 Dr. Daniel Haas  
 ⌚ 6 CDE credit hours

[Registration](#)

[Complimentary registration](#)



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