

Additional Reports : 2011 AGM Meeting Minutes

10. Extended Practice Program-Mickey Wener, Coordinator

Mickey explained that her role is to help registered dental hygienists and other to understand the legislation which governs our practice and to increase the public's access to dental hygiene care. To fulfill these goals, she facilitates Access and Care CDHM/MDHA Study Club which is in its second year as it continues to support interested hygienists. As Extended Practice Coordinator, Mickey also promotes interdisciplinary collaboration between dental hygienists and other health professionals through advocacy efforts.

Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) Working Group-Mickey Wener/BettyAnn Zegarac

Mickey introduced BettyAnn, CDHM RHPA Working Group Co Chair. BettyAnn is a public member on Council with a background in Nursing and Manitoba Health. The co chairs jointly provided their effort and facilitated an activity.

Report summarized:

The CDHM along with all the other self-regulated health professions will be required to have new regulations as the RHPA is implemented over the next several years. Key to the new legislation are "Reserved Acts": practices which can potentially present harm and can only be done by recognized health professionals. The Working Group's activities to date have included a national legislation scan, defining dental hygiene scope of practice and indentifying relevant reserved acts etc.

To involve the members, the "Tackling the RHPA" activity encouraged feedback regarding future legislation. Discussion included questions and comments regarding ordering radiographs, prescribing antibiotics, clearly describing a dental hygiene diagnosis, oral screening for cancer, one hygienist supervising another and social service issues. It was also clarified that the dental assistants are not self regulated, but registered and regulated by the MDA as part of The Dental Association Act.

12. Continuing Competency Program Update-Presentation by Sheryl Sloslower, CCP Coordinator

Sheryl Sloslower reported that during the 2011 CCP Learning Year over 98% of the registrants responded on time. Her presentation highlighted the new regulations and directives, the importance of recording activities throughout the year to assist in developing a CCP yearly plan, and the difference between PAR and CCR activities.

Those present had questions regarding the process and procedure of the audit for the upcoming CCP year and overall clarification regarding the PAR and CCR activities. The registrants were informed to check the CCP website as it is continually updated with the new regulations and directives.

Thanks were given to the CCP Reviewers, Marcia Rushka, Laura MacDonald, Alayna Gelley and Harriett Rosenbaum.

Continued Revised Meeting Minutes:

12.1 Workshop SMART Goal Development

The SMART Development workshop began with Sheryl notifying the registrants that goal formation was identified by the CCP Reviewers as a common problem. A short presentation was given on the purpose of the goal in the development of one's CCP yearly plan, and how to formulate a goal that was specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time based. The registrants were asked to formulate a SMART goal in one sentence that captured their area of need/interest and included a subject, action, timeline and measurable outcome. The CCP Reviewers assisted the registrants with the 10 minute activity. Sheryl answered questions from the floor regarding what constitutes PICO, CDHM regulations regarding laser use, acceptable PAR activities and the availability of CCP forms on the website.

13. CDHM Evidence Based Researching – Janet Rothney, Dentistry Librarian, Neil John Maclean, Health Sciences Library, University of Manitoba

Janet Rothney presented an informative presentation, titled CDHM Evidence-Based Researching. Its aim was to help registrants find evidence-based literature in order to support their CCP goal using the U of M Health Sciences Library. Her presentation defined evidence-based medicine and what to concentrate on when searching for the appropriate evidence. Janet provided information on the different data bases and sources available to dental hygienists such as Pub Med, the Cochrane Library, and Google Scholar. She also indicated to the registrants the direct links on the CCP Website for the ADA Centre for Evidence-Based Dentistry and CDHA Cochrane Corner.

Janet defined PICO (population, intervention, comparison intervention and specific outcome interest), provided guidance on formulating a PICO question and how to translate it into one's search strategy.

Janet concluded her presentation with basic tips for searching and a sample search; an explanation of access to the library by alumni and non-alumni; and her availability in providing research assistance to registrants. Sheryl expressed the CDHM's appreciation to Janet for her generosity of time and talent.