

- [UM Local Anaesthetic Certification for Dental Hygienists](#) April 25-27, 2025
- [UM Restorative Techniques Certification for Dental Hygienists](#) May 25-June 13, 2025
- [UM Additional Continuing Dental Education](#) [HERE](#)
- [MDA Convention](#) April 11 - 12, 2025
- [2025 CDHM Continuing Competency](#): Due April 30, 2025
- [CDHM Council Meeting](#) May 30 - 31 2025

Mark Your Calendar

Reminder

Continuing Competency Guides

Continuing Competency submissions are due April 30, 2025 for practicing registrants. Below are some resources the CDHM has prepared for you to help you complete your CCP.

- [Continuing Competency Guidelines](#)
- [Continuing Competency Program FAQ](#)
- [Continuing Program Activity Categories](#)
- [CCP Activity Pre-Approval Form](#)

If you have any questions about the CCP that you cannot find in the guide or FAQ please contact us at the CDHM office.



Greetings from Council

Spring is a time of renewal and growth, and it's especially exciting to see the RHPA Committee 'springing' back into action after being in a holding pattern for the past three years. Council is energized and eager to explore how the RHPA will influence the profession of dental hygiene in Manitoba. The Committee has already convened and is diligently working to complete the necessary tasks outlined by the Manitoba government to move forward.

Additionally, the Council's Ad-Hoc Registrar Recruitment Committee continues to make significant progress in our search for a new Registrar. With the support of Harris Leadership, we have identified several promising candidates and are actively engaging in the interview process. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to Harriet Rosenbaum, Co-Vice Chair of Council, for stepping forward to facilitate Council's linkage work. Harriet's leadership will be invaluable as we develop a comprehensive three-year plan and reinstate Council's Linkage Committee. This Committee will play a key role in maintaining and supporting Council's linkage work between meetings.

Wishing you all a joyful and refreshing spring season.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Reid'.

**Submitted by:
Kathleen Reid
Council Chair**

Thank-you to Felonie Johnson for her contribution and dedication to the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba Council.

You will be Missed!





Council Meeting Highlights

February 21 and 22 2025

- Interim Registrar Valerie Olivier reviewed the updated Practice Direction for Interprofessional Collaborative Care.
- Interim Registrar reviewed the financial monitoring reports and presented an Environmental Scan highlighting trends in regulation and internationally trained healthcare providers. Current oral and global health concerns were also addressed.
- Kathleen, Chair and other committee Chair's provided reports.
- Linkage Chair, Harriet facilitated a review of oral health information available for newcomers to Manitoba. Council reviewed proposed Terms of Reference for the committee.
- Council discussed the format for the 2026 CDHM AGM and determined it will be virtual.
- Council monitored the efficacy of a select number of their policies
- RHPA Committee Chair, Corinne updated council members on the new legislation and upcoming committee work.

Submitted by:
Valerie Olivier
Interim Registrar

Council Spotlight: Natasha Kravtsov



I have been a council member for a short time, but I am eager to contribute to the important work of the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba (CDHM). Previously, I served as an assessor for CDHM for several years, gaining valuable experience in regulatory processes.

My dental hygiene journey began with my graduation from the University of Manitoba in 1993. Since then, I have worked in various private practice settings across Winnipeg. I also had the unique opportunity to work with the Department of National Defence at military bases in Winnipeg. Serving military personnel was both a privilege and a career highlight, as it allowed me to care for the dedicated men and women who serve our country.

Beyond clinical practice, I have been actively involved in professional organizations such as the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) and the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association (MDHA), where I have contributed to various committees, and previously served as MDHA President.

More recently, I have been working as a sessional instructor at the University of Manitoba's Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry. In this role, I serve as a clinical instructor, deliver lectures in Cariology, and I have worked as a teaching assistant in the Interprofessional Education program for the Rady Faculty.

On a personal note, I live in Winnipeg with my husband and our energetic Bernadoodle. I enjoy "glamping," scuba diving, yoga, and mindfulness training. This summer, I hope to take some time to pursue wildlife photography.

I look forward to serving on council, learning, and contributing to the board's growth and progress.

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM REGISTRAR

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." -Socrates

This spring, the CDHM and RHPA committee are busy preparing for upcoming **changes** and the **new** (to us!) RHPA legislation, including meetings with government and policy-writing consultants. We look forward to updating registrants as the process and work continues.

The Continuing Competency (CCP) due date is also just around the corner! The CCP requirement is about **building** and adding to our existing knowledge and skills. Some of you have already submitted your annual CCP requirement – Thank You! - and some are working on it now. The new resource - [Continuing Competency FAQ – With Answers](#) - can help answer common questions, and registrants are always welcome to contact the office for assistance.

April will be a time to **focus** on celebrating the dental hygiene profession, first with National Dental Hygienists Week (NDHW), April 4th – 10th, and then at the 2025 MDA Convention, April 11th & 12th – the MDHA Lounge is back, and be sure to check out the expert RDH lectures, including an RDH case presentation in the “Manitoba’s Got Talent” session!

Happy Spring!

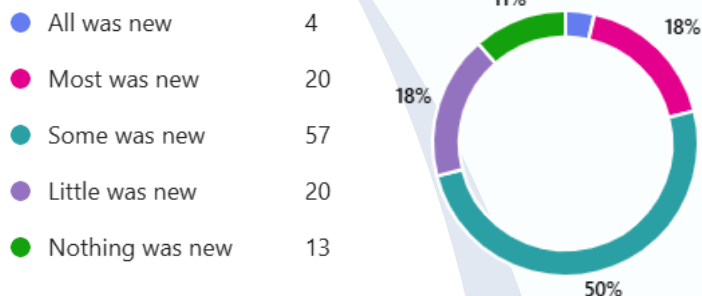
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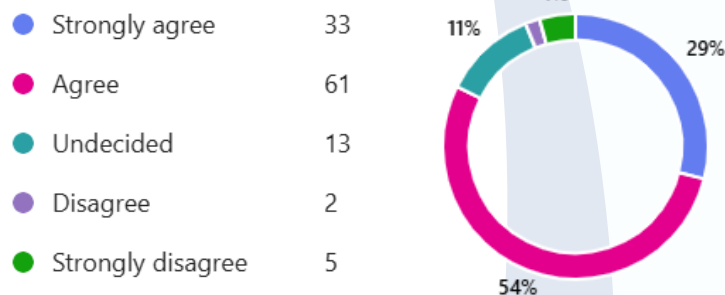
Thank-you to Alyssa Duszak for her hard work and dedication to the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba, Continuing Competency Committee. You will be Missed!

Indigenous Cultural Safety Module (2025 Renewal) Survey Results Thank-you for Your Feedback!

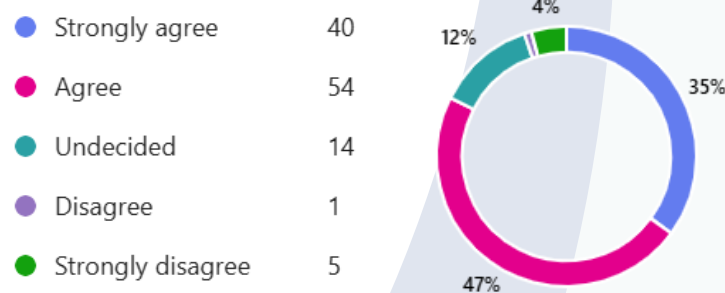
1. The information presented by Doretta Harris in the Indigenous Cultural Safety Module was new to me.



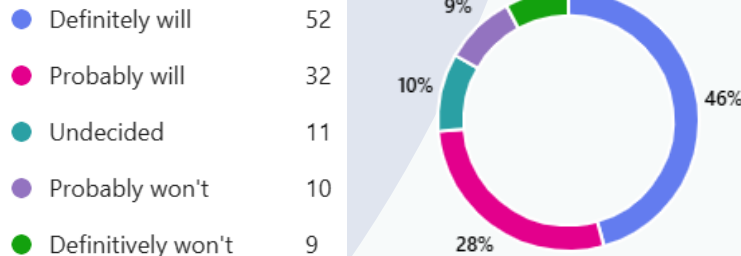
2. The length of the Indigenous Cultural Safety Module was appropriate for the topic.



3. The information presented by Doretta Harris in the Indigenous Cultural Safety Module is valuable for healthcare providers.



4. The information presented by Doretta Harris in the Indigenous Cultural Safety Module will inform my current dental hygiene practice





GREETINGS FROM THE MDHA

Ah, spring! The snow is (mostly!) melting, the days are getting longer, and we can finally feel the warmth of the sun on our faces again. It's time to shake off those winter blues and embrace the fresh energy and new beginnings that this season brings. Get ready for a busy April! We're thrilled to announce a challenge for our members during National Dental Hygienist Week (April 4-10, 2025). We're calling on you to share your expertise by delivering an oral health presentation to a local classroom or children's group.

To make it easy, the MDHA has created a comprehensive resource package filled with educational materials. Join us in celebrating NDHW and empowering Manitoba's youth with vital oral health knowledge! Also, please plan to visit us at the RDH Lounge at the 2025 MDA Conference, April 18th and 19th at the RBC Convention Centre. The Lounge will be a place for our members to relax, have a snack, connect with colleagues, and chat with industry representatives. The RDH Lounge will be open to all RDH's attending the conference on both Friday and Saturday.

Lastly, please save the date for our 2025 AGM, scheduled for June 11th at 6:30 p.m., this year being offered in a virtual format. More information to come – stay tuned!

Looking forward to more signs of spring coming our way. Until then, be well!

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