



Message from the Registrar

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Dear Registered Denturists,

Happy New Years!

This past year was a year of collaboration and friendship where we built on the warm relations with the Ministry of Health, with the DAO where we celebrated their milestone 50th anniversary with great company, and where we met the passionate leaders of the DGO and hosted our first ever Peer Circles event. My new years wish is that as this year unfolds, we will continue the positive momentum that we have going.

The problems Ontarians are currently facing include major difficulties accessing health care, capacity of the current health care system, and health and human resources. It would be remiss of us if we believe that this does not trickle down to oral health care.

The denturism profession, as it stands, has the unique opportunity to present itself as not just an alternative choice for denture care, but as the primary choice for denturism service and care. This will alleviate the patient load of other oral health care providers, freeing them to provide Ontarians with much needed routine and preventative maintenance. This is a hot topic that the federal government is working keenly on with the expansion of the federal dental care program that includes patients of Denturists. I thank the leadership of DAC and Denturism regulators working at the national level for assisting on this important portfolio and ensuring that federal policy makers understand the role this profession plays as part of the broader oral healthcare team.



In order to capitalize on this opportunity, the CDO and its system partners must begin the conversation on if and what Denturists can do to be part of the solution. This may start with asking how we can increase denturism access for Ontarians and whether Denturists are currently equipped with the right regulatory tools or scope, in order to achieve quality patient care. The foundation will require data collection and the creation of an evidence informed, objective, and sound business case that clearly articulates indicators for better patient outcomes.

Such discussions should not be an argument that takes away from others, but one that builds on the offerings of the Denturist with the goal of team-based collaborative care leading to better oral health care for Ontarians. Words of course are easier said than done, and there is no promise that any movement on this can be achieved in the next 5 years at a minimum, but what College leadership can promise is that the CDO has an intimate understanding of the regulation of this profession and where it can position itself in the future to best serve the public interest.

I have great optimism in the profession and have received extremely warm welcomes from all of you. I truly thank all College Staff, College Council, and all the Denturists who work behind the scenes to give Ontarians a reason to smile again.

We will provide an update on College activities later this month, but until then, I want to wish you, your families, and your patients continued health and happiness!

Sincerely,

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Registrar & CEO

Questions?

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