

Ontario Report – February 2020

The Ontario Association of Orthodontists has been busy the past number of months working on issues to improve the practice lives of orthodontists across our province. The Board of Directors has a keen sense of the turbulent times we face and has undertaken a number of initiatives to strengthen orthodontics in Ontario.

Recently, the OAO executive has forwarded feedback to our regulatory body, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO) on the following issues: 1) Performance of intra-oral procedures that are not Controlled Acts by preventive dental assistants – this is a matter that has been on the radar of Ontario orthodontists for quite some time, and through the efforts of the OAO over the years, we are inching closer to a standard of delegatable duties that matches our colleagues across Canada; 2) Teledentistry – the RCDSO has called for input from key stakeholders on how to regulate teledentistry and the OAO has responded with strong feedback based on our experience with DIY orthodontics that has infiltrated the province. The theme of the response was that teledentistry must meet the Standard of Care that currently applies to all treatment being provided in person by Ontario dentists and specialists in order to protect the public. Beyond these two issues, the OAO continues to work with the AAO and the Canadian Association of Orthodontists on the Direct to Consumer issue.

The OAO has also joined with the Ontario Society of Periodontists to sponsor a joint CE meeting featuring Dr. Vince Kokich Jr. on February 29th, 2020, in Toronto. The Toronto Orthodontic Club continues its series of exceptional CE here in Toronto, with the next meeting being held on Friday March 27, 2020, featuring Dr. Ed Lin talking on incorporating a digital work flow into the orthodontic practice. Details on this meeting can be found at www.toclub.ca. Finally, planning continues for the OAO's 4th Biennial Scientific Session being held May 29-31, 2020 in beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake. This promises to once again be a weekend chock-full of education and socializing in Ontario's wine country. Registration is open to all orthodontists and staff from across the GLAO region. Registration details can be found at www.oao.on.ca.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at drdrew@smithorthodontics.ca.

Respectfully Submitted,

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