

**Ontario Component Report**  
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Happy new year to all the GLAO members!

- Recently, Canada has introduced a national dental care plan (CDCP) to serve the oral health care needs of disadvantaged Canadians. Orthodontic benefits will be unveiled in July. Number of meetings of all the provincial orthodontic presidents have been held with the president of Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) over the course of last several months. Dr. Joel Schacher, the OAO president, is providing valuable input and suggestions on behalf of Ontario orthodontists so needs of OAO members are met with. CAO representative will take this up with the Canadian government officials to ensure the needs of Canadian orthodontists are well served. We are eagerly awaiting the unveiling of the plan.
- TOC (Toronto Orthodontic Club) offers 2 exceptional whole day CE programs twice year ( Spring and fall). We are excited to have Dr. Bjorn Ludwig coming in from Germany for a whole day of lecture. It will be held at Four Seasons Hotel, downtown Toronto on Friday April 4, 2025. You will be awarded 6 Category 2 CE points. OAO will conduct its in-person Annual spring meeting the night before on Thursday April 3, 2025. All the GLAO members are welcome to attend. For more information and to register please visit the following link: <https://www.toclub.ca/>.
- OAO is still in talks with the regulatory body (RCDSO) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) to get the work duties further expanded for Dental Assistants in Ontario. Several meetings have taken place between the OAO team and RCDSO staff. OAO continues to negotiate with the college on this matter. AAO is further supporting this cause with more financial aid through legal funds.
- OAO holds two core 1 CE courses ( 6 points) for its members yearly, which are very popular amongst the members as it helps them fulfil the mandatory core 1 CE requirements by RCDSO. The last course of the year core 1 CE program was held via zoom on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It was presented by Dr. Avi Quanonou. Topic was “ the 10 most prescribed drugs- What you need to know”. It was well attended by over 100 orthodontists across Ontario.
- OAO recently conducted its bimonthly executive board meeting via zoom on Monday January 27,2025. Various issues of importance such CDCP, expanded work duties for the level 2 dental assistants in Ontario were discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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