

**Ontario Component Report**  
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- The Ontario Association of Orthodontists (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.
- Canada is in the midst of creating a national dental care plan (CDCP) to serve the oral health care needs of disadvantaged Canadians. Orthodontic benefits will be unveiled next 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.
- Our fall 2024 Toronto Orthodontic Club session was held on Friday November 8, 2024. It was a multi-specialty symposium at the Sheraton hotel in downtown Toronto. It was great success and over 100 orthodontists from Ontario as well as a few from nearby American states attended the event. We are happy to announce that we are very fortunate 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. All the GLAO members are welcome to attend. For more information and to register please visit the following link: <https://www.toclub.ca/>
- The OAO is striving to improve its value to the membership. I am happy to announce that our membership has improved significantly. This year an option was presented to the members to pay for a 3 year membership at a discounted rate and many members have taken advantage of the fact.
- OAO held its Annual general meeting on Thursday November 7, 2024. It was a full house meeting as the two stalwarts of orthodontic education in Ontario for over 20 years, past program directors for orthodontic residency Dr. Bryan Thompson from U of T and Dr. Mamandras from UWO were honored with Distinguished Service Award. It was an emotional evening as many of us were taught by them and have helped shape generations of orthodontists in Ontario.

Respectfully Submitted,



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