

Advancing the Dental Profession Journal of the Canadian Dental Association (JCDA)

The Canadian Dental Association (CDA) is seeking out pre dental students and applicants to dental schools who would like to contribute valuable knowledge to the profession through JCDA OASIS, while enjoying a volunteer learning experience that mirrors knowledge gathering in everyday clinical practice.

What is JCDA-OASIS?

The Canadian Dental Association (CDA) is developing the Online Advice and Searchable Information System (OASIS), an online tool to provide dentists and others with a Clinical Decision Support Service. The main components of OASIS are a searchable database of clinical knowledge, a platform for clinical conversations, and a patient information section. Knowledge will be delivered in the *Point of Care* format, as “3-minute consults” that are quickly and easily accessible.

Why should I volunteer with JCDA-OASIS?

Volunteering with JCDA-OASIS offers:

- An opportunity for students/applicants to show interest and early involvement in the dental profession.
- An opportunity for students/applicants to contribute to the profession.
- An opportunity to gain some publication experience in advance of applying to dental or specialty programs.

Pre dental students and applicants will receive letters of appreciation by the Canadian Dental Association. The level of recognition will be commensurate to the quality as well as the number of drafts developed by candidates. A higher number of drafts will earn the candidate a higher level of recognition.

How do pre dental students/applicants volunteer with JCDA-OASIS?

At this early stage of the project, CDA is looking for pre dental students and applicants to dental schools, with a background in life sciences or basic sciences, who are willing to distil knowledge from existing evidence-based resources into readily available templates. The drafts provided will be sent for expert review. We wish to match pre dental students/applicants to topics in which they have a particular interest. We strive to make this a creative and enjoyable experience, and an innovative opportunity to contribute to and to advance the profession. Pre dental students/applicants will create concise clinical

information documents that will be useful in everyday clinical practice and should expect to spend 4-5 hours per template.

Timelines

CDA is planning a first-phase launch in early 2012. Completed templates will be forwarded for review and finalized for delivery on the www.jcda.ca website. In phase 2 of OASIS, information will be delivered on a dedicated OASIS online interactive platform.

It is CDA's intent to create a cycle of knowledge creation and delivery. Therefore, CDA is aiming at developing continuing relationships with pre dental students and applicants.

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