COURSE OVERVIEW:
As oral healthcare professionals, we are responsible for inventorying our knowledge base, skill level and the overall effectiveness of our practice in relation to standards in optimal patient care. It is through this lens that dental hygienists must pursue continuing competency. How do you measure your continuing competency and how do you improve upon your competency? Do you aim to be all you can be as a dental hygienist?

In this ground-breaking initiative, the University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene is partnering with the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association to debut a program which has been specifically designed to help dental hygienists who want to enhance their critical-thinking skills and sharpen their clinical expertise in pursuit of practice excellence.

During this fast-paced, interactive, case-based, and thought-provoking full-day course, participants will examine a ‘day-in-the-life’ of a dental hygienist with quality improvement as the driver. The day begins with critical thinking about dental hygiene care plans specific to patients with diabetes or prediabetes. Throughout the day, participants will critique and refine clinical interventions, including medical history review and proper procedural record keeping, and hands-on exercises in performing intra- and extra-oral examinations, periodontal instrumentation, caring for dental implants, and ergonomic strategies to ensure the health of the practitioner. In order to fully engage in the program, participants will be given the opportunity to read key articles and complete a guided worksheet, several weeks before the course. Those who complete these pre-course activities may be eligible for up to 12 hours toward continuing competency requirements.

As an added benefit, course participants will receive a recently launched periodontal instrument from Hu-Friedy. During lunch, a product demonstration by Colgate on therapeutic toothpaste will provide an optional learning opportunity towards continuing competency. At the end of the afternoon, participants are invited to a reception where they may talk with representatives from Hu-Friedy and Colgate, course instructors, and dental hygienist colleagues.

One lucky Dental Hygienist will win a $100 gift card at the reception!

This course is generously supported by unrestricted educational grants from Hu-Friedy and Colgate.
LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of pre-course learning activities, engagement in a full-day interactive, case-based learning, and goal-setting exercises, participants will be able to:

- Develop a dental hygiene care plan grounded in scientific evidence and the perspective of meeting client-centered needs.
- Review medical histories to more readily recognize diseases or conditions relevant to patient care, and more accurately record procedural information.
- Perform intra- and extra-oral examinations to increase competency in identifying oral conditions and pathologies.
- Implement more precise periodontal instrumentation.
- Implement evidence-based procedures in caring for dental implants.
- Incorporate ergonomic strategies that support physical health.
- Set personal goals for practice quality improvement that are mindful of practice standards and quality assurance.

IN PURSUIT OF CLINICAL EXCELLENCE:
A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS

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STUDY CREDITS
This course is designed for up to 12 hours of Continuing Dental Education Credits.

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