IN PURSUIT OF CLINICAL EXCELLENCE:
A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS 2.0

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 rendering 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?

Last year the University of Manitoba’s School of Dental Hygiene partnered with the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association to co-host this ground-breaking continuing education program. The program was so successful, we decided to offer another program this year, with many changes in course content.

This fast-paced, interactive, case-based, and thought-provoking, full-day course, helps participants to 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 a newcomer to Canada. Throughout the day, participants will critique and refine clinical interventions, and experience hands-on exercises in performing intra- and extra-oral examinations, and periodontal and implant instrumentation. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to work with new prevention materials, review current risk assessment tools and explore 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 review other resources, several weeks before the course. Those who complete these pre-course activities may be eligible for hours toward continuing competency requirements.

During lunch, a product demonstration by Crest/Oral B will provide an optional learning opportunity. At the end of the afternoon, participants are invited to a reception where they may talk with course instructors, industry representatives, and dental hygienist colleagues and have a chance to win several door prizes.
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 the use of risk assessment tools for detection, identification of possible risk factors and risk modification of oral diseases
- Perform intra- and extra-oral examinations to increase competency in identifying diseases/conditions/pathologies
- Implement more precise periodontal and dental implants instrumentation
- Review current preventative products and get an opportunity to try new products on practice teeth. (Ex) Silver Diamine Fluoride
- Incorporate ergonomic strategies that support physical health.
- Review how to set personal goals for practice quality improvement that are mindful of practice standards and quality assurance meeting the CDHM CCR requirements.

The Rady Faculty of Health Sciences is proud to partner with the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association to host this important course.

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

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