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BCDA Statement

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BCDA Responds to Proposed Board Composition of BC's new Oral Health Regulatory College

The British Columbia Dental Association (BCDA) continues to strongly advocate for patient safety and public protection by responding to the revised proposed bylaws issued by the BC College of Oral Health Professionals (BCCOHP).

It is BCDA's position that it is critical for **all** oral health professions to be **equally** represented on the BCCOHP board; yet the proposed composition neglects to provide dentists with a designated board position.

BCDA's response to the BCCOHP offers a straightforward and simple resolution to the issue: Rather than a creating a seat open to either a registrant or a certified dental assistant; designate that seat to dental therapists, leaving the shared seat to dentists. If no dental therapist candidate makes themselves available for this position, then open it to other professions.

BCDA has conveyed this response to the other oral health profession associations. The BCDHA has issued a [statement of support](#) for BCDA in calling for one Board seat for each of the six oral health professions.

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