



Call for Steering Committee Members

CDHA scoping review on the value and impact of oral health education/health promotion on improved patient/client outcomes

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Submission deadline: August 27, 2026, 6:00 pm ET.

Purpose

Building on the recent momentum of public dental programs in Canada, CDHA aims to advance recognition of the **value and impact of oral health education and health promotion on improved patient/client outcomes** across oral health practice, programs, policy, and systems. To achieve this, CDHA is undertaking a **scoping review** to examine the evidence and identify opportunities to strengthen outcomes and expand the impact of dental hygiene services for people across Canada. CDHA is striking a volunteer steering committee to support the scoping review's development.

Background

As a national professional association, CDHA provides leadership on critical and emerging issues related to oral health and dental hygiene by developing position papers/statements, clinical practice guidelines, advocacy initiatives, and public awareness programs. CDHA position papers and statements analyze and synthesize the available evidence and develop recommendations to inform dental hygiene practice, programming, and policy.

CDHA's **position statements** are concise, research-supported statements, while position papers are more comprehensive, systematic reviews of the literature that include recommendations and a position statement. CDHA's position papers undergo peer review through its research journal, the [Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene](#) (CJDH).

Associated link: [CDHA position papers and statements](#).

Membership and composition

The steering committee will consist of approximately five to seven CDHA members with a range of the following attributes:

- Practice experience and relevant knowledge of best practices
- Experience conducting primary research and/or systematic reviews
- Knowledge and expertise in developing or contributing to position papers/statements, and clinical practice guidelines are considered assets
- Minimum of a bachelor's degree

The committee may include 1-2 contributors who are not CDHA members/dental hygienists.

The project team also includes the selected research contractor and CDHA staff.



Steering committee roles and responsibilities

- Provide guidance on the research methodology, including assessing the scientific quality, validity, and relevance of the evidence.
- Support the synthesis of existing evidence and the interpretation of findings.
- Review and provide feedback on draft documents and revisions.
- Contribute to discussions on the implications of the evidence for dental hygiene practice, knowledge translation, policy, and future research.
- Provide strategic guidance and input on the development of the position statement to support its eventual endorsement by CDHA's Board of Directors.
- Attend virtual meetings, with days and times established in consultation with members and the research team, taking availability and time zones into consideration.

Duration and expected timeframes/milestones

Overall, the project is expected to run 4-6 months as set out below. Members of the steering committee should account for attending 3 or 4 virtual meetings (60-90 minutes each), appropriate reading/preparation time for meetings, and email inputs/responses.

- **September 2026:** steering committee membership confirmed
- **September (subject to availability):** 1st meeting, literature search and analysis
- **November:** 2nd meeting, review/input on drafts
- **February 2027:** 3rd meeting, finalization, 4th meeting (if needed)
- **April 2027:** endorsement by CDHA board of directors

How to apply

- Submit a brief statement (maximum one page) and your curriculum vitae to Juliana Jackson at jjackson@cdha.ca. Please put **“Steering Committee Interest – Scoping Review”** in the subject line.
- In your statement, address:
 - A brief overview of your interest in the topic and perspective you would bring to this effort.
 - Your relevant clinical and/or research knowledge and experience that would inform your contributions to the committee.
- Submissions will be evaluated in accordance with the entire requirement of this initiative.
- Thank you for your interest in this call. CDHA looks forward to receiving and reviewing submissions