



## Canadian Dental Hygienists Association Applauds Historic Dental Care Investment

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OTTAWA – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) applauds the federal government’s historic dental care investment as part of Budget 2023.

“This announcement will provide millions of uninsured Canadians with dental and dental hygiene care they need to maintain proper health” said Anne Caissie, CDHA President. “For years, CDHA has advocated for increased access to preventive oral care to improve health outcomes, and Budget 2023 is a big step in the right direction.”

The newly announced funding measures will help those who need it most and address historic barriers to oral healthcare. “Today’s announcement is a historic expansion of care that will break down barriers that prevented millions of Canadians from receiving the oral care they need.”

Yesterday’s announcement includes \$13 billion over five years, starting in 2023-24 and an additional \$250 million over three years to support an Oral Health Access Fund. CDHA recognizes the importance of oral health data and congratulates the government on including an additional \$23.1 million over two years to collect data on oral health and access to dental care in Canada.

CDHA looks forward to continuing working with government as they develop further details on this new program.

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### **About the CDHA:**

CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 30,200 dental hygienists in Canada, directly representing 21,000 individual members, including students. Since 1963, CDHA has worked to advance the profession and promote the importance of oral health. Dental hygiene is the sixth largest regulated health profession in Canada with professionals working in a variety of settings, including independent dental hygiene practice, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health. For more information on oral health, visit [www.dentalhygienecanada.ca](http://www.dentalhygienecanada.ca).

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