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Canada's Dental Hygienists Celebrate Oral Health Care and Research

September 25, 2013 (Ottawa, ON) – Dental hygienists from across Canada will gather in Toronto from October 3-5 to share leading-edge research, clinical experiences and knowledge at the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association's (CDHA) biennial national conference.

Celebrating 50 years as a professional association, CDHA has assembled a dynamic group of speakers and scientists, who will present the latest information on oral cancers, oral health care for children and older adults, and infection prevention. Keynote presentations will be given by Eva Grayzel, an internationally renowned speaker and oral cancer survivor; and Dr. Kate O'Hanlan, a gynecologic oncologist with valuable insights on cancer screening standards. Dr. Peter Cooney, Canada's Chief Dental Officer, will also speak on the pivotal role of dental hygienists in Canada's public health programs. CDHA recognizes that educated and informed dental hygiene professionals provide the best oral health care for Canadians, and is pleased to offer a robust professional development program.

Complementing the conference's educational sessions will be special events celebrating CDHA's 50th anniversary, including a trip down memory lane with CDHA past presidents, and an awards luncheon recognizing [CDHA award winners](#), leaders in Canadian dental hygiene scholarship, research, service and community involvement. Tributes will also be paid to CDHA's 1,620 25+ year members, to eight founding members, and to its [dental industry partners](#)—PHILIPS, Crest Oral-B, Johnson & Johnson, Colgate, SUNSTAR G•U•M, DENTSPLY, Hu-Friedy and GlaxoSmithKline—who provide integral support to the dental hygiene profession through the *CDHA Partners' Circle*.

Serving the profession since 1963, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 26,800 registered dental hygienists working in Canada, directly representing 17,500 individual members including dental hygienists and students. Dental hygiene is the 6th largest registered health profession in Canada with professionals working in a variety of settings, including independent practice, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health. For more information, visit: www.dentalhygienecanada.ca.

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