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## Media Release

### **New open access for Canadian dental hygiene journal expands access to oral health research**

February 13, 2013 (Ottawa, ON) — The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is pleased to announce that as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, we are now offering open public access to our scientific, peer reviewed journal, *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene (CJDH)*.

Valuable Canadian dental hygiene research can now be found, cited and freely used by any health professional, student or researcher as soon as it is published. This enhanced accessibility will promote further research and expand the dental hygiene knowledge base. The latest in evidence based dental hygiene and oral care information published in *CJDH* supports dental hygienists and other healthcare providers in decision making for optimal oral health services.

Dr. Katherine Zmetana, *CJDH's* scientific editor says, "We are thrilled with CDHA's vision in moving our journal in this direction." Open access allows the public at large to benefit from the latest in scientific findings in the field so that they may make better oral healthcare decisions. Open access "provides an opportunity to break down walls between the academic research community and the wider public" adds Zmetana, "and in turn raise the recognition and value of oral health research."

The *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene* is a quarterly publication available at [www.cdha.ca/CJDH](http://www.cdha.ca/CJDH). In publication since 1967 as *The Canadian Dental Hygienist* and later as *Probe* (mid 1980s until 2004), *CJDH* publishes original research on issues related to oral healthcare and seeks to expand the dental hygiene knowledge base.

Serving the profession since 1963, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 24,000 registered dental hygienists working in Canada, directly representing 16,500 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 on oral health, visit: [www.cdha.ca](http://www.cdha.ca).

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