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Canadian Journal Fills Dental Hygiene Research Gap

February 5, 2021 (Ottawa, ON) — The *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene* (CJDH), the peerreviewed research journal of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA), is expanding the global body of oral health knowledge in two important ways.

First, CJDH is now indexed in MEDLINE[®], the world's premier database of biomedical and life sciences literature. Research published in the journal since February 2019 is readily accessible to oral health and dental hygiene researchers around the globe who seek credible, high-quality evidence to support further studies as well as clinical practice and policy decisions. MEDLINE[®] searches will retrieve articles published in CJDH in desktop- and mobile-friendly formats, and as PDFs, via PubMedCentral. "This is an incredible milestone moment for the journal," explains Dr. Salme Lavigne, CJDH scientific editor. "We are thrilled to be counted among the top tier of scholarly journals worldwide."

Second, supporting the journal's objective to increase awareness within the scientific community of its dental hygiene research, CDHA has just launched a dedicated website—<u>www.cjdh.ca</u> (<u>https://www.jchd.ca</u> in French)—where journal articles published since 2005 are available, free of charge, for reading and downloading. Prospective authors will also find key information on how to submit manuscripts for possible publication. "Dental hygienists across Canada have long valued the important contribution that our research journal makes to dental hygiene practice, policy, and education," notes Tiffany Ludwicki, president of CDHA. "We are delighted to share our journal with a global audience."

CDHA is the collective national voice of 30,219 dental hygienists in Canada, directly representing 20,000 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 CJDH, visit <u>www.cjdh.ca</u>. For general information on oral health, visit <u>www.dentalhygienecanada.ca</u>.

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