

**Commission on Dental Accreditation
Unofficial Report of Major Actions
August 4-6, 2021**

1. The Commission reviewed accreditation reports and took 341 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental, and allied dental education programs and recorded three (3) mail ballots on dental hygiene, oral and maxillofacial surgery (residency), and orofacial pain education programs.

A total of 11 new programs were granted accreditation:

Educational Program	Number
Predoctoral Dental Education	1
Dental Assisting Education	2
Dental Hygiene Education	4
Advanced Education in General Dentistry	2
Clinical Fellowship in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics	1
Pediatric Dentistry	1

One (1) dental hygiene, one (1) general practice residency, and one (1) periodontics program received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in February 2022 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards or Commission policy, is submitted prior to that time.

The Commission affirmed the reported voluntary discontinuance effective date or planned closure date of one (1) advanced education in general dentistry, two (2) general practice residency, one (1) orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and two (2) dental hygiene programs, at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions.

2. The Commission adopted revisions to the following Accreditation Standards:
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs, revision to the term “Should” within the Definition of Terms, with immediate implementation.
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs, revision to the term “Should” within the Definition of Terms, with immediate implementation.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, as a result of the 2021 Validity and Reliability Study, with immediate implementation.

3. The Commission directed the following proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards be circulated to the communities of interest for comment including, as applicable, hearings at the October 2021 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Meeting and the March 2022 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session:
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Standard 1-1, with circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2022, for consideration at the Summer 2022 meeting of the Commission.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in General Practice Residency, Standard 1-1, with circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2022, for consideration at the Summer 2022 meeting of the Commission.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology, Standard 1-1, with circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2022, for consideration at the Summer 2022 meeting of the Commission.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine, Standard 1-1, with circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2022, for consideration at the Summer 2022 meeting of the Commission.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain, Standard 1-1, with circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2022, for consideration at the Summer 2022 meeting of the Commission.
4. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and took the following actions:
 - Directed a communication to the ADA and its Board of Trustees that the Commission agrees to the Shared Services Agreement, effective January 1, 2020, and requests further dialogue related to the Administrative Fund cap in the spirit of collegiality.
5. The Commission engaged in a Closed Session Mega Issue Discussion on August 4, 2021 for the purpose of developing its 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. Following the Mega Issue Discussion, the Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning and took the following actions:
 - Adopted the proposed 2022-2026 CODA Mission, Vision and Values statements and 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, with implementation January 1, 2022.
6. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review, and took the following actions:
 - Adopted, with immediate implementation, the proposed revisions to policies in the Commission's Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures (EOPP) manual and in all appropriate Commission documents, as follows:
 - Due Process Related to Review Committee Special Appearances
 - International Predoctoral Dental Education Site Visits
 - Site Visitors
 - Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs

- Distance Education
 - Adopted the new Guidelines for Reporting the Use of Distance Education, with immediate implementation.
7. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology, and took the following actions:
 - Directed review of the Communication Plan in 2022-2023 to ensure that the next communication plan addresses the Commission's strategic needs, as well as ongoing communication and technology needs of the Commission, including an electronic accreditation tool.
 - Directed a communication to urge the American Dental Association to engage with the Commission to identify, secure, develop, and support a long-term solution for an electronic accreditation tool.
 - Directed adoption of the proposed revision to the Procedures for Hearing on Standards within the Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedure (EOPP), with immediate implementation.
 8. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Nominations, and took the following actions:
 - Approved nominees to fill vacancies for discipline specific positions and non-discipline specific positions on its Review Committees, beginning fall 2021.
 - Adopted the proposed revision to its Review Committee Composition and Criteria for Nominations for the role of "Educator Nominees," to Review Committees, effective immediately, and updated within all applicable Commission documents.
 - Directed further study of the topic of volunteerism and stipend for all Commission volunteers, at all levels of the Commission, including its site visitors, review committee members, and Board of Commissioners, by an Ad Hoc or Standing Committee of the Commission.
 9. The Commission adopted the following additional actions:
 - Establishment of a multidisciplinary Work Group composed of current and former Pediatric Dentistry Review Committee members as well as representation from the Dental Anesthesiology Review Committee and the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Review Committee to study the use of sedation in patient management, including the potential need for revision of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry, as applicable, with a report to the Commission in Winter 2022.
 10. The Commission elected Dr. Bruce Rotter as chair of the Commission and Dr. Sanjay Mallya as vice-chair of the Commission for 2021-2022.

Commission members: Dr. John Agar, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Joel Berg, Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Scott DeVito, Dr. Maxine Feinberg, Mr. Marco Gargano, Dr. Christopher Hasty, Dr. Kevin Haubrick, Dr. John Hellstein, Dr. Jeffery Hicks (chair), Dr. Amid Ismail, Dr.



Adolphus Jackson, Dr. Susan Kass, Dr. James Katancik, Dr. Barbara Krieg-Menning, Dr. Brent Larson, Dr. Sanjay Mallya, Ms. Martha McCaslin, Mr. Charles McClemens, Dr. Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. William Nelson, Dr. Bruce Rotter (vice chair), Dr. Timmothy Schwartz, Dr. Marybeth Shaffer, Dr. Alan Stein, Dr. Marshall Titus, and Dr. Lawrence Wolinsky.

Dr. Christopher Hasty was unable to attend the meeting.
