

A NEW DAY for ADA Standards Development

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024

The ADA, as the leader in dental standards development for the United States, is reorganizing its standards program to enhance alignment between national and international standards, provide better utilization of subject matter experts and to better address new and emerging technologies.

WHAT'S CHANGING/IMPROVING

- Existing national and international standards bodies covering a broad range of topics will become 12 standards consensus bodies with focused scopes of work
- Consensus Bodies — the only authority to officially approve standards — are populated with subject matter experts in their particular areas

WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME

- ADA will remain accredited by ANSI to develop national dental standards in a rigorous consensus process ensuring all voices are heard
- ADA will remain accredited as the U.S. vote on all international dental standards
- Standards will continue to be developed at the Working Group level

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Anyone with an interest in contributing their expertise to dental standards development is welcome to join in their areas of interest including but not limited to those who use dental materials, products, systems, or services (consumers), manufacturers (producers), academia, research experts, and government agency representatives (general interest).

WHY PARTICIPATE?

The ADA Standards Program is the driving force behind establishing a dental profession that works in sync with the dental industry. Participation in this program puts you on the leading edge of:

- Establishing how dental products and technologies are defined;
- setting expectations on how certain products and technologies should perform; and
- understanding the big picture of how these products and technologies work together.

As a Standards Program volunteer, you have a voice in benefitting the entire dental community by being a part of setting the standards for dental materials, products and technologies, that improve the safety and health of both patients and professionals.



ADA and ISO are joining forces!

As of **January 1, 2024** the American Dental Association and ISO will merge and launch a re-imagined program. This new approach will create:

- Better alignment between products and informatics standards bodies addressing new and emerging technologies for dentistry
- Better coordination between international (ISO) and national (SCDP/SCDI) standards in a global marketplace
- Increased focus on priority items
- Ensuring that appropriate subject matter experts are voting on the content of approved standards

The impact of the voluntary dental standards produced the ADA Standards Program (ANSI/ADA and ISO) is far reaching, and your participation is vital to ensure the needs of U.S. consumers and manufacturers are heard. In the U.S., the FDA relies on the standards from the ADA Standards Program to evaluate products to go to market and in many countries, ISO standards are adopted into regulation.

Standards ensure predictability, reliability, safety, quality and efficiency in dental products, processes and systems we rely on every day and ensure products work effectively together (interoperability).

A world without standards is a world full of roadblocks and unnecessary expenses.

Be at the table and make sure your voice is heard.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

- All existing standards volunteers must reapply/rejoin groups of interest
- All volunteers automatically get to participate in national and international standards development (as applicable)

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

- Join one or more of the new ADA Consensus Bodies as an individual or as an appointed representative of an organization or company
- Join at the Working Group level
- Voting and observer membership options

DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO PARTICIPATE?

- No fees for consumers or general interest participants
- Lower fees for industry to participate in any group that deals with international standards

Voting: \$600 (includes 2 alternates)

Observer: \$300

Premium Voting All Groups (11): \$4,500

- Individual Working Groups Only (if not on affiliated Consensus Body)

Voting: \$150

Observer: \$75

Exemptions available upon request (fees waived for Consensus Bodies 3 and 10)

➔ HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Visit [ADA.org/dentalstandards](https://ada.org/dentalstandards) for more information.

ADA Standards Consensus Bodies

1. Restorative and Orthodontic Materials*
2. Prosthodontic Materials*
3. Terminology & SNODENT*
4. Dental Instruments*
5. Infection Prevention and Control*
6. Dental Equipment*
7. Oral Hygiene Products*
8. Dental Implants*
9. CAD/CAM in Dentistry*
10. Forensic Odontology*
11. Dental Data Structure and Exchange
12. Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge Management*

**indicates international standards work included*

Working Groups