



**ANESTHESIA**  
for dentistry

providing sedation and  
general anesthesia for dentistry

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Dear Doctor,

I have kindly requested all the Presidents of their respective dental specialty organizations in BC to forward this letter to you. I am writing to inform you that I have requested to make a presentation to the CDSBC Board during their meeting on February 25, 2017. I will be requesting that the Board consider recognizing dental anesthesia as a specialty in the province of British Columbia. In 2014, I approached the CDSBC Board with hopes that they would consider recognizing dental anesthesia as a specialty. A Task Force was created but a final report was never received.

This meeting will be to follow up on the findings of the Task Force as well as to inform the new members of the board about dental anesthesia and the reasons for seeking specialty status in BC. As many of you know, I am one of three dentists in the province of BC who have completed a 3-year hospital-based dental anesthesia residency. Providing dental patients with the option for dental treatment under general anesthesia allows them to access the care that many need and without this service they would not be able to manage their oral health care needs. We feel it is important that other specialties continue to practice sedation and anesthesia as trained by their CODA/CDAC accredited programs and respective organization's parameters of care and that our training enhances the other specialties by being able to provide patients with the full spectrum of anesthesia services that many patients need.

The creation of the specialty will require the dentist-anesthesiologist to pass a specialty exam prior to being allowed to provide deep sedation/general anesthesia as is currently in place in Ontario. Currently, anyone who has completed a dental anesthesia residency is allowed to receive a permit to provide deep sedation/GA without the scrutiny of the dentist or residency program. We believe the requirement to pass a specialty exam in anesthesia for dentistry sets a bar and will make it safer for the public than what is currently required (no exam).

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to look over this letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone (604.418.9119) or email me (brian@chanpong.com).

Respectfully

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