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# ORTHODONTIC MODULE REPORT

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## **Orthodontic/Prosthodontic Module Review and Standardization**

This process is ongoing as the regulatory bodies across Canada are still working on standardization of the duties and wordings of the regulations. No significant changes are anticipated in regard to the bylaws of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC as they apply to the orthodontic procedures allowed for certified dental assistants and hygienists. A submission has been made to the College in an effort to allow the placement of orthodontic separators without supervision of a dentist as long as no hand instruments are used for this process. (i.e. separator placement using floss). Once the regulatory bodies have refined the wordings of the duties, notice will go out to all stake-holders for additional comment.

Once the Review and Standardization process has been completed and the College bylaws are approved, a proper accreditation process for all existing Orthodontic Modules will be started, a process that is independent of the College. It is somewhat surprising that none of the Orthodontic Modules in existence in BC, including the one at UBC have ever been properly audited for accreditation, despite the fact that the Modules are licensing programs.

## **UBC Orthodontic Module 2018**

Lectures: May 23-25, 2018

Clinical Sessions: May 26-29, 2018

Exam: May 30, 2018

As anticipated in March 2018, registration for the UBC Module 2018 was significantly lower than previous years with only 37 participants registered for the "Full Module" (compared to the 80 spaces available) and 2 participants registered for the Orthodontic Update (for participants who already had Module certification). All participants in the Full Module passed (there is no exam requirement for the Update).

## **UBC Orthodontic Module 2019**

A meeting with the UBC administration is planned for July 26 at which time the status of the program will be assessed and initial planning for the Module 2019 will be discussed. At some point of declining enrolment, the financial viability of the program will become an issue since there are a number of fixed costs to the program that need to be satisfied for the program to continue.