

**Commission on Dental Accreditation
Unofficial Report of Major Actions
August 7-9, 2024**

1. The Commission on Dental Accreditation reviewed accreditation reports and took 406 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental, and allied dental education programs and recorded seven (7) mail ballots on predoctoral dental, dental hygiene, dental assisting, and general practice residency education programs.

A total of nine (9) new programs were granted accreditation:

Educational Program	Number
Predoctoral Dental Education	2
Dental Assisting	1
Dental Hygiene	2
Advanced Education in General Dentistry (12 months)	1
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency	1
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinical Fellowship – Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery	1
Orofacial Pain	1

One (1) dental assisting, one (1) dental hygiene, one (1) general practice residency, one (1) oral and maxillofacial surgery, and one (1) orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics programs received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in January 2025 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards or Commission policy, is submitted prior to that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 two (2) advanced education in general dentistry, two (2) general practice residency, two (2) dental assisting, two (2) dental hygiene, and one (1) prosthodontics programs at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions.

2. The Commission adopted revisions to the following Accreditation Standards:
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs, related to Standard 4-8g (lead apron and cervical collar), with immediate implementation.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in General Practice Residency, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering

and licensure to operate, and modification of Dental Public Health Standard 1-1, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.

- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics, related to Standard 2-1 (program director full-time status), with immediate implementation.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, following a validity and reliability study, with immediate implementation.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (residency), related to multiple standards, with an implementation date of July 1, 2025.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (residency), related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
- Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (fellowship), related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (residency), related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
- Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics (fellowship), related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.

- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Prosthodontics, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine, following a validity and reliability study, with immediate implementation.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain, related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.
3. The Commission directed the following proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards be circulated to the communities of interest for comment including, as applicable, hearings conducted in conjunction with the October 2024 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Meeting (Fall CODA Hearing), March 2025 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session (Spring CODA Hearing), and 2025 American Academy of Orofacial Pain (AAOP) Annual Meeting:
- Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs (comprehensive revision), with circulation to the communities of interest until December 1, 2024, for consideration at future meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry, related to the optional second year, with circulation to the communities of interest until December 1, 2024, with comments reviewed at the Winter 2025 meetings of the Commission.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in General Practice Residency, related to the optional second year, with circulation to the communities of interest until December 1, 2024, with comments reviewed at the Winter 2025 meetings of the Commission.
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs Standard 3-6, related to the faculty degree requirement, with circulation to the communities of interest until December 1, 2024, with comments reviewed at the Winter 2025 meetings of the Commission.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain Standard 2-11, related to Clinical Sciences, with circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2025, with comments reviewed at the Summer 2025 meetings of the Commission.
4. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and took the following actions:
- Directed that the Commission on Dental Accreditation negotiate amendments to the ADA-CODA Shared Services Agreement to stipulate that the Commission's annual

- operating fund surplus revenue after total expenses are paid be transferred to the Commission's Administrative Fund to its maximum of \$300,000 annually.
- Directed that the Commission on Dental Accreditation staff obtain specific clarifying information from the ADA Finance Office regarding the Shared Services allocated to CODA in 2022 compared to 2023, including an explanation of the increased cost in relation to services provided, for consideration by the Finance Committee and Commission in Winter 2025.
 - Directed that the Commission on Dental Accreditation negotiate amendments to the ADA-CODA Shared Services Agreement to stipulate that: 1) the ADA maintain adequate insurance for the Commission and its workforce members, and 2) the ADA's reserves be accessible to the Commission in times of need, through the appropriate and timely request mechanisms established by the American Dental Association's operational protocols.
 - Directed that the Commission on Dental Accreditation table indefinitely its plan to obtain sole authority to set and administer the Commission's annual operating budget.
 - Approved the work of the Finance Committee related to the Commission's revenue and expense planning model, with no further action needed at this time.
5. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review, and took the following actions:
- Adopted the following revised policies within its Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures Manual, with immediate implementation:
 - Self-Study General Information
 - Policy on Special Site Visits
 - Policy on Site Visitors
 - Site Visit Procedures sections related to Final Conference, Rescheduling Site Visits, and Enrollment Requirement for Site Visits for Fully Developed Programs
 - Conflict of Interest Policy related to Visiting Committee Members
6. The Commission reviewed the Report of the Standing Committee on Site Visit Process and Training and took the following actions:
- Directed Commission on Dental Accreditation staff to investigate potential Learning Management Systems, with a report of findings for the Winter 2025 Commission meeting.
 - Directed Commission on Dental Accreditation staff to survey active site visitors related to themes occurring on site visits, and conduct mandatory site visit chair training, beginning with predoctoral dental site visit chairs, and subsequently all other discipline-specific site visit chairs, with updates on progress through reports to the Standing Committee on Site Visit Process and Training and the Commission.
 - Directed Commission on Dental Accreditation staff to investigate the capabilities of the Electronic Accreditation System, with a report of findings for the Winter 2025 Commission meeting.

7. The Commission considered the Report of the Standing Committee on Nominations, and approved nominations to fill vacancies for discipline specific positions and non-discipline specific positions on its Review Committees and the Commission, beginning Fall 2024.
8. The Commission reviewed the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development and Mega Issues and directed that the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development coordinate a Winter 2025 Mega Issue discussion on “Student Assessment and Evaluation in Dental Education,” and invite three (3) speakers to provide information on the use of Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) in predoctoral dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education.
9. The Commission considered the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity and Program Director On-Site Work Expectations in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs and took the following actions:
 - Directed each Review Committee that does not currently have a Standard related to administrative oversight at major educational activity sites (e.g., off-campus sites where students spend a majority or all their time) to review this topic and determine whether a Standard is needed to address the Commission’s expectation for administrative oversight, with a report to the Commission in Winter 2025.
 - Directed all Education Review Committees to consider the proposed revisions for the Dental Standards 1-2 and 1-3 and proposed revisions for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Standards 1-11 and 2-1.7, for possible inclusion of similar Standards within the Review Committee’s own discipline(s) to address diversity and the humanistic culture, with a report to the Commission in Winter 2025.
 - Directed the Ad Hoc Committee (i.e., all CODA Commissioners) to continue its review of The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity December 1, 2023, short-term and long-term recommendations, with additional work to occur prior to the Commission’s Winter 2025 meeting.
 - Directed a formal communication to The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity to provide an update on the Commission’s review of this matter, noting the topic’s complexity and rapidly changing educational and regulatory environment, which must be monitored, while noting the Commission’s commitment to a diverse academic environment.
10. The Commission directed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the request to establish a process of accreditation for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Operative Dentistry, Cariology and Biomaterials with a report to the Commission in Winter 2025.
11. The Commission directed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the request to establish a process of accreditation for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Trigeminal Nerve Surgery and Disorders with a report to the Commission in Winter 2025.
12. Additional actions taken by the Commission:
 - The Commission on Dental Accreditation directed appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate/recommend integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into appropriate

Accreditation Standards for dental education across the domains of curriculum development and administration, faculty development, institutional resources, clinical education and patient care, research, and continuous evaluation and feedback, with a future report to the Commission.

- The Commission on Dental Accreditation directed its Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review to consider the appointment terms for dental public health, dental anesthesiology, oral medicine, and orofacial pain Review Committees, including the potential establishment of staggered terms to ensure continuity among the Review Committees when members' terms expire.
 - The Commission on Dental Accreditation directed appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee of current and former Commission members to review the American Dental Association (ADA)/American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Stakeholder Report on the Commission, at such time that the Commission receives the report, with a future report to the Commission.
 - The Commission on Dental Accreditation acknowledged its gratitude for the dedication and selfless service of the Senior Director and entire Commission on Dental Accreditation staff to assure the integrity of the dental accreditation process and maintaining the highest level of quality in a professional and collaborative environment, for the Commission's over 1,400 accredited programs.
13. The Commission elected Dr. Frank Licari as chair of the Commission and Dr. Cataldo Leone as vice chair of the Commission for 2024-2025.
14. The Commission acknowledged the following Commissioners whose terms will expire in October 2024: Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Maxine Feinberg (CODA chair), Ms. Martha McCaslin, and Dr. Garry Myers.

Commission Members: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. Jessica Lee, Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Maxine Feinberg (chair), Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Frank Licari (vice-chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Kenneth Sadler, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.
