

Summary of Committee Recommendations

CODA Winter 2026

For February 5-6 CODA meeting

This document reflects the summary of CODA Committee recommendations to the 2026 Winter Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) meeting. The unofficial actions of CODA will be available after the Feb. 6 CODA meeting. A post CODA meeting summary of policy changes and Standards changes will be posted with the Unofficial Report of Major Actions on the website following the meeting.

Report Number	CODA Action	Resolution
Matters Related to Accreditation Status		The 17 Review Committees reviewed 485 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental, and allied dental education programs. Recommendation: <i>That the Commission on Dental Accreditation approve the accreditation actions listed in Accreditation Recommendations report.</i>
Site Visitor Appointments		The 17 Review Committees reviewed site visitor appointments for dental, advanced dental, and allied dental education programs. Recommendation: <i>That the Commission on Dental Accreditation approves the 2026-2027 site visitor appointments as listed in the Review Committee Recommendations on Site Visitors report.</i>
100 Predoctoral	Informational	Informational Report on Predoctoral Dental Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data <i>This report is informational; no action is needed.</i>
101 Predoctoral	Informational	Informational Report on Dental Therapy Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data <i>This report is informational; no action is needed.</i>

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102 Predoctoral		Consideration of Proposed Revision to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs Related to Replacement of Missing Teeth Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs to consider the November 2025 addendum to the letter from the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), with a future report to the Review Committee and Commission.</i>
New Business Predoctoral		Informational Report on Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs <i>The Ad Hoc Committee has conducted several meetings in late 2025 and will continue its work in spring 2026 to consider all received comments related to the proposed revisions and create the self-study document, with a future report to the Review Committee and the Commission.</i> This report is informational; no action is needed.
New Business Predoctoral		Informational Report on Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs <i>The Ad Hoc Committee had an initial meeting in late 2025 to determine the conduct and process of review of the Standards and will continue its work in spring 2026 with a future report to the Review Committee and the Commission.</i> <i>This report is informational; no action is needed.</i>
New Business Predoctoral		Consideration of the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Policy on Complaints <i>The PREDOC RC discussed that changes to CODA's complaint policies and procedures may contribute to better communication between CODA, the complainants, and educational programs for the investigation of complaints.</i>

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		Recommendation: that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review to review CODA's policies and procedures on complaints against educational programs to determine if changes are needed, with a report at CODA's Summer 2026 meeting.
New Business Predoctoral		Discussion on the Review of Site Visitor Appointments <i>The PREDOC RC discussed CODA's procedures for review of site visitor appointments and the need for additional information when doing so.</i> <i>This report is informational; no action is needed.</i>
200 Postdoctoral General Dentistry		Report on Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Curriculum Section Recommendation: that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Annual Survey Curriculum Section for postdoctoral general dentistry education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.
201 Postdoctoral General Dentistry		Informational Report on Validity and Reliability Study for Advanced Education General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Programs <i>This report is informational in nature, and no action is needed.</i>
300 Dental Assisting		Informational Report on Dental Assisting Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data <i>This report is informational in nature, and no action is needed.</i>

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400 Dental Hygiene		Informational Report on Dental Hygiene Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data <i>This report is informational in nature, and no action is needed.</i>
New Business Dental Hygiene		Consideration of Ad Hoc Committee related to Accreditation Standard for Dental Hygiene Education Programs 3-2 (Program Administrator) <i>The DH RC believed that an Ad Hoc Committee should review Standard 3-2 (Program Administrator) to consider the intent of the Standard and determine whether clarification may be necessary regarding the time allotment for the Program Administrator. The DH RC believed that the Ad Hoc Committee be comprised of DH RC members, and the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee should be considered at the Summer 2026 Commission meeting.</i> Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee of dental hygiene Review Committee members to review Standard 3-2 (Program Administrator), with a report to the Commission in Summer 2026.</i>
500 Dental Laboratory Technology		Informational Report on Dental Laboratory Technology Curriculum Data <i>This report is informational in nature, and no action is needed.</i>
New Business Dental Laboratory Technology		Consideration of the Review of the Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the review of all comments for the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Standards with the opportunity to provide input to the DLT RC and the CODA in Summer 2026.</i>

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600 Dental Public Health		Report on Dental Public Health Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Dental Public Health Survey Curriculum Section for dental public health education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</i>
700 Endodontics		Report on Endodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Endodontics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for endodontics programs be retained with no changes for use in August/September 2026.</i>
701 Endodontics		Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics: Recommendation: <i>It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct that no revisions be made at this time to Standards 2-3 (faculty education) and 4-8 (clinical training) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics.</i>
800 Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology		Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial pathology education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</i>

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801 Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology		Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs circulation of the proposed revisions to Standard 4-2.3 (exposure to seminar materials) and Standard 3-5 (active clinical facility supervision) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology to the communities of interest for review and comment for one (1) year with Hearings conducted in conjunction with the March 2026 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting and the October 2026 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Session, with comments to be reviewed by the Review Committee and Commission in Winter 2027.</i>
900 Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology		Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section. Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial radiology education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</i>
1000 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery		Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs be retained with no changes for use in August/September 2026.</i> Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery clinical fellowship programs be retained with no changes for use in August/September 2026.</i>

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1001 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery		Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data <i>This report is informational; no action is needed.</i>
1002 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery		Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Education Activity Occurs Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2026.</i> Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2026.</i>
1003 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery		Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – Trigeminal Nerve Surgery Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery related to new Standards for clinical fellowship training programs in trigeminal nerve surgery and disorders, and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on January 1, 2027.</i>

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1100 Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics		Informational Report on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics programs, Residency and Fellowship, be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</i>
1200 Pediatric		Informational Report on Pediatric Dentistry Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Pediatric Dentistry Annual Survey Curriculum Section for pediatric dentistry education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</i>
1201 Pediatric		Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry Related to Patient Safety Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to Standard 4-20 (management of a contemporary dental practice) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education in Pediatric Dentistry related to patient safety and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2027.</i>
1202 Pediatric		Informational Report on Validity and Reliability Study for Pediatric Dentistry Programs <i>This report is informational; no action is needed.</i>
1300 Periodontics		Informational Report on Periodontics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Periodontics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for periodontics programs be retained with no changes for use in August/September 2026.</i>

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1301 Periodontics		Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics, and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2026.</i>
1400 Prosthodontics		Informational Report on Prosthodontics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Prosthodontics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for prosthodontics education programs, including maxillofacial prosthetics, be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</i>
1500 Dental Anesthesiology		Informational Report on Dental Anesthesiology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Dental Anesthesiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for dental anesthesiology programs and direct use of the revised Curriculum Section in Fall 2026.</i>
1501 Dental Anesthesiology		Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology Related to Program Director Board Certification Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct circulation of the proposed revisions to Standard 3-2 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology to the communities of interest for review and comment for six (6) months with a Hearing conducted in conjunction with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting, with review of comments received by the Review Committee and Commission in Summer 2026.</i>

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1600 Oral Medicine		Informational Report on Oral Medicine Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral Medicine Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral medicine education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</i>
1700 Orofacial Pain		Informational Report on Orofacial Pain Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Orofacial Pain Annual Survey Curriculum Section for orofacial pain education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</i>
1701 Orofacial Pain		Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain Recommendation: <i>that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct circulation of the proposed revisions to Standard 2-11 (Clinical Sciences) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain to the communities of interest for review and comment for six (6) months, with a Hearing conducted in conjunction with the March 2026 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session, with comments reviewed by the Review Committee and Commission at the Summer 2026 meetings.</i>
1800		Report on Review Committee and Commission Meeting Dates <i>This report is informational; no action is needed.</i>

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1900 Finance		<i>The Standing Committee on Finance recommends that CODA:</i> • <i>Approve a four percent (4%) increase in annual fees for all disciplines in 2027.</i> • <i>Adopt a four percent (4%) application fee increase for 2027.</i> • <i>Maintain a \$50 annual administrative fee per program for 2027 and maintain all other fees at the same rates as 2026.</i> • <i>Approve the 2027 budget proposal for submission to the ADA Board of Trustees.</i>
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