INFORMATION FOR SPONSORING DENTISTS

General Information

You have been approached to be a sponsoring dentist for a participant wanting to take the Prosthodontic Module. You perform prosthodontics on a regular basis as part of your dental practice. As a sponsoring dentist, you need to clearly understand your role in providing the participant with opportunities to learn prosthodontic information and practice skills required for successful completion of the module. The participant may or may not be your employee.

Please read the following information and then, if you are able to fully support the participant, sign the attached sponsoring dentist agreement form and return it to the participant. The form must be completed and returned to the participant’s educational institution as part of the application process for the prosthodontic courses. Your support is greatly appreciated.

BC certified dental assistants and dental hygienists are eligible to take the Prosthodontic Module. Successful completion of the module allows CDAs and DHs to perform the following five delegated procedures:

- Fabricate provisional restorations
- Try-in provisional restorations and adjust occlusion outside the mouth
- Cement provisional restorations
- Remove provisional cement
- Remove provisional restoration

The Prosthodontic Module is comprised of two courses: Provisional Prosthodontic Theory and Provisional Prosthodontic Clinical. The theory course must be completed first, followed by the clinical. You need to commit to supporting the student through both of these courses.

The participant takes the courses through an educational institution. Schedules, delivery methods, and fees may vary; however, the same curriculum is used at each institution. Please contact the College of Dental Surgeons to find out which institutions are offering the courses.

Provisional Prosthodontic Theory

The participant start the module by taking the Provisional Prosthodontic Theory course, which is designed to provide all the background knowledge required to perform the delegated prosthodontic procedures. If you would like specific information on content, course outlines are available from the institutions.
The course contains 13 practice exercises that the participant must perform in the dental office. These exercises require you, as the sponsoring dentist, to provide time, materials, and opportunities for the participant to assist during prosthodontic procedure. Dialogue with the dentist will also enhance the participant’s learning. The practice exercises give participants a chance to apply knowledge to a dental practice and prepares them for the Provisional Prosthodontic Clinical course. They are not permitted to perform any of the prosthodontic delegated procedures until they have completed the clinical course. You, as a sponsoring delegated dentist, will not be involved in the theory evaluation. However, for your information, this consists of a case study assignment and a formal written examination.

Upon successful completion of the theory, the participant goes on to take the Provisional Prosthodontic clinical course.

**Provisional Prosthodontic Clinical**

The clinical course is designed for 32 hours of instruction. The clinical schedule may vary among institutions, but the criteria for completion is the same.

In the clinical course, participants apply knowledge from the theory course and experience from your office to learn the delegated procedures. They are evaluated on each procedure in a simulated environment and complete a total of nine practical assignments at the clinic.

In order to have participants gain real experience with patients, they need to return from the clinical course to your office and perform, under close supervision, all the delegated prosthodontic procedures. The participant will have six practical assignments that must be completed in the office. Most participants are required to complete the procedures for at least one provisional crown and one provisional three-unit fixed partial denture. **It is recommended that patients be selected and scheduled for the participant as soon after the clinical course as possible** - a maximum of three months is given for completion of the assignments.

You need to work with the participant, reinforcing learning and validating that he or she can perform the skills to a basic level of competence, according to standard criteria provided by the institution. Once the assignments have been successfully completed and submitted to the institution, the participant will be recommended to the licensing body to receive the prosthodontic designation on their licence. **Your role in this learning process is critical for the participant. You are not required to teach basics, but rather to reinforce, refine skills, and validate competence.**

There will be an opportunity for participants to return to their clinical group for a follow-up seminar or teleconference. The participant is also encouraged to continue learning through practice, continuing education courses, dental literature, and study clubs. Thank you for your support.