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Mandatory CPR for RDA's to Begin in 2015



The SDAA Council has recently decided to align our CPR policies with the other oral health professions. Council has set policy that CPR will be mandatory for Registered Dental Assistants holding a practice licence over a three year period. Currently registered dental assistants will have until 2018 to ensure that their CPR is current. Don't panic, there will be three years within which to renew your certificate and we suspect that most RDA's hold a current CPR certificate.

2014 SOHP Conference

Conference 2014 'Leading Innovation and Change' will be held at TCU Place in Saskatoon from September 11 To 13. SDAA is looking for volunteers to scan conference attendees in and out of speaker presentations. If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact the SDAA office. A link is provided for conference information and online registration. The registration fee for dental assistants is \$185 + GST. Register early as the fee increases on August 11, 2014 [LINK](#)

Member Forum scheduled for SOHP Conference

The SDAA council has found that a 'Member Forum' held at the annual conference is a successful method to obtain member feedback. The 2014 forum will be held on Saturday afternoon (September 13), just following the noon luncheon. You are welcome to attend even if you are not registering! Forum will be held in SALON C.

Course for Regina—November 8, 1014—Queensbury Centre

Communicating with Impact: The Silent Power of a Great Team & Oral Cancer - An Emerging Pandemic? is scheduled for Saturday, November 8 at Queensbury Convention Centre. [LINK](#)

2013 Survey Results Reveal Common Benefits: [LINK](#)

- Uniforms paid or reimbursed
- Professional development paid or reimbursed
- Payment or partial payment for plans such as Extended Health Coverage, RRSP and Pension Plan
- Paid sick days
- Bonus
- Conference trips (Pacific Dental Conference, Las Vegas Institute)
- Free dental treatment.
- Opportunity to work when the dentist is away (mouth guards, filing charts, prophies)

Linda Coomber-Bendtsen Retires from SIAST DA Program

I would like to thank all the students whom I taught over the years for making my career in the Dental Assisting program so pleasurable. Learning with you made teaching easy and laughing with you made each day valuable. I will remember each of you with fond memories and also with the hope of remembering your last name when we meet. Thank you and the SDAA for the plaque; it truly was a delightful surprize. Enjoy your dental assisting careers.

Linda Coomber-Bendtsen (aka Coomber)