

## **MANITOBA**

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### **Future meeting dates:**

- Arrangements for a 2020 Fall meeting have not been set due to uncertainties from the evolving COVID-19 situation.

### **Recent activities:**

- All dental offices in Manitoba were closed from March 17, 2020 and reopened to full services on June 1, 2020, and this included orthodontic offices. All orthodontists have adapted well.
- The upcoming virtual board meeting of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) will be on September 13 when Dr. Lindsay Robertson will be appointed the new director to the CAO in Manitoba. The 2020 annual meeting of the CAO that was supposed to be held in Kelowna, British Columbia, on September 24-26 was canceled. The 2021 meeting will be held in Quebec City on September 23-25, 2021.
- According to the Manitoba Dental Association (MDA), there are currently 30 orthodontists in the province, of which 22 are MSO members. One member already retired (Dr. **Keith Levin**) and two others moved to Alberta (Dr. **Matthew William Kotyk** and Dr. **Robert Joseph Douglas Ward**). Three new orthodontists (Drs. **Robert David Mintenko**, **Lindsay Jay Robertson** and **Alycia Jessica Sam**) who have joined the registry within the last two years are not MSO members. Six orthodontists who have been licensed for more than 3 years still are not MSO members: Dr. **Jay T. Winburn** (retiring soon), Dr. **John Edward McManaman** (corporate group owner based outside Manitoba), Dr. **Mark E. Rykiss**, Dr. **Kris L. Row**, Dr. **Ines Helena Guedes** (current director to the CAO), and Dr. **Susan Tsang** (current MOS president). All members have been updated on MSO activities of interest and COVID-related alerts.
- The Division of Orthodontics of the University of Manitoba has been delivering most of its lectures online. Residents are currently seeing 2-3 patients in the morning and afternoon due to the new Health Science Center infection control guidelines, which seems to be more stringent than the one presented by the MDA. Three new residents, two Canadians and one Australian, joined the program this month of September.

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