

## **MANITOBA**

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### **MOS (Manitoba Orthodontic Society) future meeting dates:**

- Arrangements for a 2022 Spring meeting are being made, but a date has not been decided yet.

### **Recent activities:**

- In October 2021, a group of orthodontists, in partnership with the Red River College, offered a pro bono one-week course to graduate orthodontic assistants in Manitoba. As there seems to be an ongoing lack of assistants, the same group of orthodontists intends to organize another course this Fall.
- The 2022 Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) meeting will be held September 15-17 in Saskatoon, SK.
- With the omicron variant, all lectures in the Division of Orthodontics at the University of Manitoba are back to the online format. PPE, including respirators for clinical work and KN95 masks for lab practices, together with face shield, were mandatory until mid-February. Not much has changed in terms of PPE in private practice since May-June, 2020.
- The graduate orthodontic program at the University of Manitoba will go through the re-accreditation process on April 11 and 14, 2022.
- According to the Manitoba Dental Association, there are 31 orthodontists in the province. Since March 2021, nobody has either registered for the first time or retired.
- A local orthodontist inquired about the AAO lack of template letters, charts, consent forms, etc in French given that French is largely spoken in Ontario and Quebec, and 10% of Manitobans also speak French. This matter was raised as a reason not to join the AAO and, in consequence, the MSO as the prospective member though that the membership application was the same.

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