

MIDWESTERN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS

Component Report

Component Name: Manitoba (MOS)

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Ongoing Initiatives:

- Orthodontists in Manitoba continue to participate in the Smiles4Canada initiative, which is currently collecting applications for 2025. As of February 14th, there have been 5 complete and 8 incomplete applications.
- The MOS continues to work with the Manitoba Dental Association to create an alternative pathway for dental assistants to obtain their orthodontic module qualifications. The proposed format would be composed of an online didactic and in-person practical curriculum.

Legislative Efforts:

- The CAO continues to work with the Canadian federal government with regards to the Canadian Dental Care Plan. The Ad Interim meeting for the CAO is planned for February 28th and more details will follow.

New Initiatives: TBD

Upcoming Meetings/Events (with dates):

- Canadian orthodontic residents are invited to attend SCOR in Toronto on March 1st to discuss topics related to business management, practice marketing, accounting, legal counseling, etc.
- The CAO 75th Annual Conference will be held in Québec City, QC from September 18th to 20th 2025.

Other: Concerns have been raised by local orthodontists with regards to growing tensions between the US and Canadian governments, specifically as it may affect the economy and costs of goods/services. The CAO is looking into strategies to minimize the impact on its members if tariffs are imposed between Canada/US. A letter was recently sent to industry partners to discuss how tariffs may impact the orthodontic community.

Do You Need the MSO Board of Directors to act on any Component-related business at this time? Yes/No (if yes, state below and it will be addressed at the next Board meeting): No