

Title of Team Building Workshop: Building a team to evaluate the effects of Canadian dental school community outreach programs

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Program Report:

- Two-day symposium held at McGill University, Nov 24 and 25, 2016
- Goals of the symposium:
 - Provide participants with the findings of relevant scientific literature and a survey of the community activities being performed by Canadian dental schools.
 - Identify the philosophical underpinnings of dental care outreach activities conducted in Canadian schools.
 - Identify what elements (stakeholders and evaluation themes) of Canadian dental school outreach activities can be evaluated and how.
 - Develop a plan of action at a Canadian level focusing on dental education and research
- Participants:
 - Total 45
 - 29 professors involved in running community outreach programs at all 10 Canadian dental schools
 - 11 graduate students performing research in the area of community dental care delivery
 - 2 community representatives
 - 3 support staff
- Program – see appendix
- Outcomes:
 - Consent obtained from all symposium attendees to also be research participants
 - Small group discussions were recorded and transcribed
 - Transcriptions sent to symposium attendees and feedback sought
 - Results fed into manuscript preparation – about to be submitted to Journal of Dental Education
- Abstract presentation at IADR, March 2017:
 - <https://iadr2017.zerista.com/poster/member/76649>
- Future plans during summer/autumn 2017:
 - Agree research program goals across several if not all Canadian dental schools
 - Agree research program leaders
 - Prepare research program proposal

