

McGill Education and Outreach Symposium
November 24th-25th, 2016

Context

We are organising this symposium to help initiate a research program on the effects of dental school community outreach/service programs. The rationale for this symposium is twofold. First, significant problems of access to dental care exist for vulnerable groups living in Canada (<http://cahs-acss.ca/improving-access-to-oral-health-care-for-vulnerable-people-living-in-canada/>), and second, all Canadian dental schools are involved in numerous activities providing care while teaching dental students to work with such groups. Despite dental schools' commitment of resources to these activities, few investigations on their benefits regarding patient or learner outcomes have been conducted. Furthermore, these initiatives have little effect on the broader issue of access to dental care, in terms of the development of new, sustainable models of dental care delivery that can be adopted beyond the scope of dental school activities.

Given this context, the goals of this workshop are to:

1. Provide participants with the findings of relevant scientific literature and a survey of the community activities being performed by Canadian dental schools.
2. Identify the philosophical underpinnings of dental care outreach activities conducted in Canadian schools.
3. Identify what elements (stakeholders and evaluation themes) of Canadian dental school outreach activities can be evaluated and how.
4. Develop a plan of action at a Canadian level focusing on dental education and research.

Agenda

Day 1 – Thursday, Nov. 24

BLOCK 1: What are we doing?

The Activities

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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration & Breakfast |
| 9:00-9:15 | Welcome and introduction (Paul Allison, Dean of Dentistry) Presentation of the FM&J Coutu program |
| 9:15-9:45 | <i>A Description of Community-Based Dental Activities by Canadian Dental Schools</i> (Linda Furlini) |
| 9:45-10:00 | Questions and discussion [moderator: Paul Allison] |

BLOCK 2: Why are we doing dental outreach activities?

The Foundations

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| 10:00-10:30 | Why are we doing this? (Christophe Bedos) |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break |
| 10:45-11:30 | The perspective of community partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Laurent Morissette (RAPLIQ)○ Fiona Crossling (Share the Warmth)○ Why did they accept to partner with dental schools?○ How could dental schools help them and the community?○ How could community groups help dental schools (and future dentists)? |
| 11:30-12:00 | Questions and discussion [moderator: Frances Power] |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00-13:45 | Keynote speaker: Prof. John Broughton (University of Otago, New Zealand) <i>The dental outreach programme in New Zealand.</i> |
| 13:45-14:00 | Questions and discussion [moderator: Belinda Nicolau] |
| 14:00-15:00 | Small group discussions (Rooms 547, 501, 523 & 541): <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Why do dental schools initiate “outreach” programs?○ What are the philosophical underpinnings that have guided their development?○ Which philosophical underpinnings should we rely on: social justice or charity?○ What should we do in the future? Toward a plan of action. |
| 15:00-15:15 | Break |
| 15:15-16:00 | Plenary session: Reports from small groups and looking to the future [moderator: Richard Hovey. Panellists: Laurent Morissette, Fiona Crossling, Pierre Pluye] |

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| 17:30-18:15 | Cocktail event with McGill Principal (invitation only) |
| 18:15-19:30 | Open panel discussion on outreach/community service activities |

Day 2 – Friday, Nov. 25

BLOCK 3: How should we evaluate dental outreach activities?

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| 8:30-9:00 | Breakfast |
| 9:00-9:10 | Welcome and recap (Paul Allison) |
| 9:10-9:35 | <i>Community-Based Dental Education and Student Readiness: A Scoping Review</i> (Linda Furlini) |
| 9:35-9:45 | Questions and discussions [moderator: Raphael Freitas de Souza] |
| 9:45-10:30 | Keynote speaker: Prof. Lewis Lampiris (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA) <i>Evaluating the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry's Community Based Dental Education Program: Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC)</i> |
| 10:30-10:45 | Questions and discussion [moderator: Jocelyne Feine] |
| 10:45-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-12:00 | Small group discussions (Rooms 547, 501, 523 & 541): <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How should we evaluate the educational and productivity elements our programs?○ What topics should we evaluate?○ What outcomes should we use?○ Which design(s)/methods are appropriate? |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00-13:45 | Plenary session: Reports from small groups & Working together [moderator: Shahrokh Esfandiari] |

BLOCK 4: Partnership Building

Defining the steps forward

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| 13:45-14:00 | Summary of workshop suggestions for research & educational programs (Jocelyne Feine) |
| 14:00-15:00 | Defining the steps forward [moderator: Christophe Bedos] |
| 15:00-15:15 | Concluding remarks (Paul Allison) |
| 15:15 | Thank you |

Please note that proceedings of the symposium may be published.