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STUDY CLUB INFORMATION GUIDE

Definition of a Study Club

A study club registered with the CDHBC has a membership of at least five dental hygienists who come together for clinical or non-clinical educational study during a September to August year for the purpose of maintaining or increasing their competence. Members may participate in the study club in person, by teleconference or video conference.

A study club registered with the CDHBC is managed by a team of executive members. At least one of the executive members is a dental hygienist. This dental hygienist is responsible for signing the declaration, accepting responsibility that the club is planned and implemented in accordance with the Dental Hygienists Regulation, the bylaws and the guidelines in the CDHBC Registrant's Handbook.

Each session is facilitated by a mentor, defined as a "wise and trusted teacher or guide." The mentor is responsible for the educational component of the session. While a study club may be guided by one or more mentors who may or may not be members of the dental profession, any study club member could function as the mentor for individual study club sessions. Mentors may be guests of the study club, members of the study club, or designated guides for the entire series of sessions.

Study club fees are the responsibility of the club and its members. The College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia recognizes study clubs that meet the criteria for registration regardless of whether or not fees are required.

The Concept of Study Clubs:

The CDHBC believes that study clubs are a valuable venue for continuing dental hygiene competence and professional development. You will notice that it combines the concept of mentored group "study" with responsibilities that dental hygienists have as members of a self-regulating profession.

Registration for the 2009/2010 Study Club Year

Registration Criteria:

To receive registration approval from the College as a CDHBC study club, clubs must meet all the criteria included in the definition and in the application for registration form. This includes the signing of the declaration by a dental hygienist executive member.

Registration Process:

For currently registered study clubs, attach an Application for Study Club Registration 2009/2010 form. If you need a copy of the constitution we have on file for your study club please contact the College. Please complete a new application form, attach a new members list (#7 in the application), attach a new proposed topics list (#9 in the application) and sign the declaration (#10). If your constitution has changed, please forward the changes to our office. The criteria for re-registration next year are the same as they were for this year.

For first time study club applicants, attach an Application for Study Club Registration. Please complete all sections and forward all documents to the College office.

Study club applications can be printed from our website or requested from the College office and mailed or emailed to you.

Registration Approval Timelines:

Applications will be processed in a timely manner.

The continuing competency credit submission and review process changed on January 1, 2004. Each registrant submits credits annually, in conjunction with Registration Renewal. Group credit forms are no longer accepted.

The College would be pleased to receive any comments you or your study club members might have about the study club registration process.

Please call the College office if you have any questions.