

## Alert: Provision of Dental Emergency Services in Saskatchewan - March 24, 2020

- All CDSS members **must** operate under the current **CDSS Standards and Alerts** relating to this COVID-19 pandemic.
- The CDSS is in constant contact with key Government agencies in the Health Ministry, the SHA and the hospital dental practitioner group to establish an achievable strategy for triage of emergencies that **focusses on keeping dental emergencies out of hospital emergency rooms**.
- Based on this consultation and collaboration the current strategy is as follows:
  - **Level 1 - All CDSS members** must maintain contact with their patients and manage emergencies using Pharmacotherapeutics. If patients cannot be managed at this Level 1, they must be referred to Level 2 practitioners.
  - **Level 2** - The CDSS encourages members to indicate to the College office their ability to provide emergencies while **maintaining proper PPE and IPC protocols** in their own dental office.
  - **Level 3** - The SHA in conjunction with CDSS is attempting to establish dental clinics in 2-4 locations across the province that will be able to provide dental care normally only provided in hospitals. This is a contingency plan at the request of the SHA.
  - **Level 4** - The SHA wishes to minimize the provision of dental emergency services possible in the hospital setting. If dental emergencies present to hospitals, they will be triaged accordingly by our medical colleagues as needed.
- Further focussed communications will be provided to all members.