
Inviting inputs to CDE rules and regulations document

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Dear Dean,

Greetings from Indian Dental Association (IDA)!

India Dental Association, was founded in 1946, which later became the Indian Dental Association under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Indian Dental Association (IDA), a nationally recognized body of dental professionals with 75,000 members and over 600 branches spread across the country, has been carrying out oral healthcare activities for over three decades. IDA's vision is to lead the country to optimal oral health and hygiene to help improve the general health index of the country. Our mission is improving the oral health of the public by innovation in education, training, research, advocacy and related programmes. This translates into a commitment for dental excellence.

As Dental Colleges are one of the major stakeholders in dentistry in India, we need to work together for the betterment of the dental profession and oral health of the nation. We are pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt. of India has recognized IDA for collaboration on "Continuing Oral and Dental Education" (CODE) across country, which will be structured and uniform.

In view of this, IDA is developing a structured CODE program through a digital platform, that will help in further advancement of the oral health professionals in our country. Through CODE, apart from quality oral healthcare services, infection prevention and control, patient and staff safety, public awareness of oral health and conducting outreach programs, other important knowledge areas of general and specialized dentistry will be strengthened.

IDA is committed to methodically carry out several programs in- relation to the public and oral health professionals, which helps in knowledge gain. Through this platform, we also aim to provide a structured training program for all the members of the dental team such as dental hygienists, dental technicians and dental assistants. All oral health professionals (participants) attending the CODE, will receive credit points and attendance certificates.

You would also be happy to note that recently, IDA has been recognized as service provider for the American Dental Association, which will ensure that CDE points provided by IDA be considered valid in the United States as well as other countries that follow ADA CERP. We have also been recognized as a 'Research Center' by DCGA, ICMR and the Science and Technology Ministry. This recognition will also help us carry out collaborative scientific projects in the future.

This is a historical moment for oral health professionals in the country and is something that we all have been looking forward to for 20 years. This year is even more special as we are celebrating 100 years of dental education in India, which makes this revolutionary project even more significant. By carrying out these activities, India can be on- par with global standards. This can truly lead to globalization of Dentistry in India which we can proudly project and promote on an international platform in the World Dental Congress which is happening in India in 2022.

Keeping this in mind, we are enclosing the content we have created thus far. We believe with your help and suggestions; we can develop uniform parameters for the delivery of knowledge. Let us work together for the betterment of the dental profession. Keeping this in mind, we request you to forward to us your valuable

suggestions and/or comments to help improve this platform. Please send us your suggestions/comments before 4th March 2021. A final meeting will be called on a later date to discuss the changes you have recommended.

We will be sending this letter along with the attachment to President and Secretary of state and local branches, President and Secretary of Specialty Associations as well as IDA members. After receipt of the changes by the Head Office we will be making the necessary changes in the accreditation rules and regulations of the program. Finally, this entire proposal will be forwarded to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Thank you for your time and looking forward to your suggestions. Your suggestions will definitely help make a positive difference in this project. Looking forward to working with you for the betterment of the dental profession in India.

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Honorary Secretary General
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