

# APRIL UPDATE

## The National Dental Examining Board of Canada

### Electronic Exam Delivery Pilot Tests a Success

**NDEB on track to delivering first electronic examination in September**

Over the past two months, the NDEB has run two pilot tests of their new electronic examination. The first test took place at the Prometric test centre in Ottawa. Eight NDEB staff members and Dr. Jim Posluns, DSCKE Assistant Chief Examiner, participated in the e-exam tutorial and practice test prior to attending the examination. At the test centre, they were exposed to Prometric check in procedures before taking the exam.

In a focus group following the test, valuable information was collected about the tutorial, check-in, and user interface. This feedback was used to make changes ahead of the second pilot test by NDEB Board members in early April.

Based on feedback from both pilot tests, the NDEB is moving forward with delivery of the September 2018 DSCKE electronically.



## Upcoming Examinations and Assessments

**MAY 26-27**

Written Examination & OSCE

**JUNE 1**

Assessment of Clinical Judgement

**JUNE 2-3**

Assessment of Clinical Skills

## Statistics

The NDEB administered the Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge (AFK) on February 3, 2018 and the Written Examination and OSCE on March 3 & 4, 2018. A summary of the pass rates for these examinations can be found in the tables below.

### WRITTEN EXAMINATION

2017		2018*	
Candidates	% Pass	Candidates	% Pass
1363	88	822	85

\* March only

### OSCE

2017		2018*	
Candidates	% Pass	Candidates	% Pass
1295	97	798	91

\* March only

## AFK

2017		2018*	
Participants	% Pass	Participants	% Pass
1384	46	679	46

\* February only

## NDEB Trademarks

### Strengthening NDEB's brand recognition

The NDEB has filed trademark applications for all its wordmarks and logos. This process will help assure the public of the quality of the products and services which the trademark is associated. Use of the any of the NDEB's wordmarks or logos will require the permission of the NDEB and must be used in conjunction with a description of the relationship between NDEB and the other party.

## Jack Gerrow receives Gies Award for Innovation

### Former NDEB Executive Director & Registrar has been awarded the prestigious William J. Gies Award for Innovation – Dental Educator

Dr. Jack Gerrow assumed the role of Executive Director and Registrar of the NDEB in 1995. As Executive Director and Registrar, he worked with colleagues to establish and maintain the national certification process for general dentistry in Canada which included development of the NDEB's Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). The OSCE is now recognized as a benchmark for testing competency of beginning dental practitioners.

While with the NDEB, Dr. Gerrow assumed a leadership role in the development of the first competencies for beginning dental practitioners in Canada and has been an active participant in the revision of the document over the years. He also played a pivotal role in the development of both the qualifying programs and Equivalency Process: pathways for graduates of non-accredited dental programs to obtain certification and licensure as dentists in Canada.

"Jack is a visionary educator and innovator who anticipated changes in dental education and challenged the 'status quo' to help

institutions and agencies adapt to those changes" states Dr. Marcia Boyd. "His foundational work influenced teaching and testing in dental faculties across the continent."

Dr. Gerrow retired from the NDEB in December 2017.

The William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement honor individuals and organizations that exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental research, education and leadership.



From left to right: Dr. D. Haas, Dr. J. Gerrow, Mrs. J. Gerrow, and Dr. B. Loney

## Coming Up

In May, the NDEB will host a strategic planning workshop for Board members followed by the Interim Board Meeting.

The strategic planning workshop will be used to determine the NDEB's key result areas and strategic outcomes that will form the foundation of the 2019-2022 strategic plan.