

## Dr. Eduardo Kalaydjian



### Candidate Biography

Dr. Kalaydjian is happily married, and a proud father of three boys. Along with his wife, they work together in private practice at Bowness Park Dental Clinic which, he owns. He also serves as the Chair of the Unforeseen Events Committee at the College of Dental Surgeons of Alberta (CDSA).

Dr. Kalaydjian graduated from McGill University's Faculty of Dentistry before completing a one-year Dental General Practice Residency (GPR) Program at the Montreal General Hospital, a McGill University program. His passion for dental education led him to teach at McGill University's Faculty of Dentistry, specifically in the Community Dentistry Program. Additionally, he has supervised Dental GPR Residents from prestigious institutions including McGill University, University of Laval, and the University of Montreal. He was a Clinical Associate Professor

in the Department of Surgery at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine, and an Associate Adjunct Professor in the Department of Dentistry at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. Additionally, he has been a clinical instructor for the University of Alberta's Continuing Education Intravenous Conscious Sedation Program.

Dr. Kalaydjian established and developed the first Dental General Practice Residency Program in Calgary, in collaboration with the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and the Calgary Health Region at the Foothills Medical Centre Dental Clinic. As the Director of this program, he oversaw its successful accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada.

Dr. Kalaydjian's commitment to community health is evident through his work with the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay, where he served as both a dentist and Department Head. His efforts led to the computerization of the department, the creation of a Cree Dental Assistants' Training Program, and the successful securing of funding to increase the workforce and implement strategic planning for the region's dental program.

He has also held a leadership role within Alberta Health Services (AHS), as the Section Chief of Dentistry and Oral Health for the Calgary Zone. In collaboration with his fellow Dentistry Division Chiefs, he oversaw the successful accreditation of all Calgary Zone Health Services dental clinics by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. In this capacity, Dr. Kalaydjian played a key role in planning and securing the support to develop the New Calgary Cancer Centre Dental Clinic which opened recently.

Dr. Kalaydjian has served as the Director and Consultant for the Southern Alberta Dental Program for Cancer Patients and was part of the Provincial Head and Neck Executive Team with Alberta Health Services Cancer Care and contributed to the publication of the *Healthcare delivery for head and neck cancer patients in Alberta: a practice guideline*.

A founding Director and former Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Association of Hospital Dentists, Dr. Kalaydjian has also contributed to the Health Facilities/Dental Internship Committee and continues to



serve as a Surveyor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. Additionally, he has provided exam questions for the National Dental Examining Board of Canada.

Dr. Kalaydjian is dedicated to advancing the dental profession and is passionate about working collaboratively with colleagues. He is committed to serving his peers, the public, and the CDSA with integrity, honesty, and ethically. Dr. Kalaydjian seeks the support of his dental peers in his candidacy for the CDSA Council as Director for the Calgary District, where he aims to continue contributing to the profession and the community.

## Candidate Letter

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you to announce my candidacy for the vacant Calgary Council Director position in the upcoming College of Dental Surgeons of Alberta (CDSA) election and would be grateful for your consideration and support.

Over the course of my approximately 33-year journey in dentistry (20.5 years have been in Calgary), I have had the privilege of serving in diverse roles and environments. I began my career as an associate general practice (GP) dentist in private practice, then spent time living and working within First Nations communities, as well as contributing in educational and institutional settings. Currently, I am the owner and a practising GP dentist at a clinic that I helped establish and build. These varied experiences have enabled me to make meaningful relationships, gain a broad perspective on our profession, and provide care to a diverse range of patients.

Serving on the CDSA's Unforeseen Events Committee, both as a member and as Chair, has been an invaluable and deeply enriching experience. This has been another role that has allowed me with unique insights into real life situations which can affect our patients and colleagues. It has permitted me to work collaboratively with colleagues within our profession to offer effective solutions and feedback.

Our profession faces many challenges, and I am mindful of the responsibility this position carries. The experiences I have described above have provided me with a well-rounded perspective and a genuine respect for the unique and varied needs of both our colleagues and our patients. With this understanding, I am dedicated to advocating for our collective interests whether that involves practice management, regulatory matters, education or advancing public oral health initiatives in a collaborative and collegial manner.

It has been a privilege to contribute to our profession across administrative, clinical, and educational settings throughout my career. I would love to continue to contribute to the profession and the community if given the honour of your trust and support to be elected as the CDSA Council Director for the Calgary District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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