



KEYNOTES AND RESOURCES

Episode 69 – Interview with Dr. Allison: COVID-19 and Canadian Oral Healthcare Professions September 23, 2022

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Dr. Allison is a dentist with specialist training in oral and maxillofacial surgery and dental public health and research training in epidemiology. He has been Director of the Quebec-based Oral and Bone Health Research Network during 2005-08 and served two mandates as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill during 2008-18. He was President of the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry during 2015-19 and of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences during 2019-20 and was on the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research during 2018-21.

Dr. Allison's research interests include social determinants of oral health and dental care, access to dental care, and related policies. He is currently a member of the Lancet Commission on Global Oral Health;² a project leader with the World Health Organization (WHO) developing global indicators of oral health for the WHO oral health strategy³ currently under development; as well as leader of a national Canadian research team working with Statistics Canada on the oral health element of cycle 7 of the Canadian Health Measures Survey.⁴

Additional Resources⁵

Infection prevention strategies concordance in Canadian dental schools during the COVID-19 pandemic, Steinberg, N; Allison, P; Levin, L. *International Dental Journal*, Volume 72, Issue 5, October 2022, p 682-690

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0020653922001770>

The incidence of COVID-19 among dentists practicing in the community in Canada: A prospective cohort study over a 6-month period,⁶ Madathil, S; Siqueira, W; Marin, L; Sanulla, F; Faraj, N; Quiñonez, C; McNally, M; Glogauer, M; Allison, P. *Journal of the American Dental Association*, Volume 153, Issue 5, October 24, 2021, p 450-459

[https://jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177\(21\)00658-9/fulltext](https://jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177(21)00658-9/fulltext)

¹ Refer to Episode 36 for initial interview with Dr. Allison on COVID-19 in dental & dental hygiene schools.

² Lancet Commission on Oral Health <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/epidemiology-health-care/research/epidemiology-and-public-health/research/dental-public-health/lancet-commission-oral-health>

³ Draft Global Strategy on Oral Health <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/who-discussion-paper-draft-global-strategy-on-oral-health>

⁴ Canadian Health Measures Survey <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/survey/household/5071>

⁵ Refer to Episode 64 for discussion on COVID-19 incidence & vaccination rates among Canadian dental hygienists & their experiences & perceptions of regulatory guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

⁶ Refer to Episodes 17 & 43 for discussion on incidence of COVID-19 among Canadian dentists.

COVID-19 experience in Canadian dental schools

<https://www.maelstrom-research.org/study/cds>

Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS)

<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/survey/household/5071>