



## Dr. Bruce Victor Freeman

I am seeking election to RCDSO Council because I believe my experience in clinical practice, education, patient care, research and health-care leadership would allow me to contribute thoughtful, evidence-informed judgment to the College's mandate of protecting the public. I have been in private orthodontic practice since 1993 and currently serve as an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, teaching clinical and didactic orthodontics and facial pain. I also serve as Co-Director of the Mount Sinai Hospital Dental Residency Program, where I am involved in clinical education, communication skills, patient care and external evaluations of residents. These roles have given me a broad perspective on professional competence, patient safety, accountability and the importance of mindful communication. My work in patient experience and conflict resolution has reinforced the importance of listening carefully to patients and understanding that quality care extends beyond the clinic walls. My involvement with the Non-Insured Oral Health Advisory Committee has further exposed me to oral health issues affecting First Nations and Inuit populations and the importance of considering equity and diverse patient circumstances in decision-making. I also bring substantial experience in research and evidence-based practice, including participation in competitively funded CIHR research examining chronic temporomandibular disorders. As a Council member, I would bring an independent perspective, intellectual curiosity, humility and a willingness to ask difficult questions. I understand that Council's responsibility is to protect the public and maintain confidence in the regulation of dentistry. I would be honoured to contribute my experience and judgment to a Council committed to thoughtful governance, equity, inclusion, accountability and public protection.