



Dr. Daniel Fortino

My decision to continue serving on RCDSO Council is grounded in a commitment to public protection, patient safety, quality of care and public confidence. I believe effective regulation requires respectful collaboration, diverse perspectives, evidence-informed decision-making and a strong understanding of the College's public-interest mandate. Over the past two years on Council, I have gained valuable experience in regulatory governance, oversight and professional accountability. My participation on Council, the Discipline Committee and the CBCT Working Group has strengthened my understanding of the responsibility involved in protecting the public while supporting fair, thoughtful and transparent decision-making. I bring a diverse combination of clinical, academic, research, educational and leadership experience. As a board-certified periodontist and multidisciplinary practice leader, I have extensive experience with complex patient care, treatment planning, consultation, referral and clinical risk. My academic appointments, research background and ongoing involvement in continuing professional education have strengthened my commitment to evidence-based practice, competence and lifelong learning. My experiences in humanitarian care, community outreach and work with underserved and geographically diverse populations have also shaped my commitment to equity, inclusion and access to safe care. They have reinforced the importance of listening to different perspectives and understanding the barriers that can affect patients and communities. I hope to continue building on the work of the past two years by contributing a patient-centred, collaborative and evidence-informed perspective to Council. I value constructive relationships between Council, the College, registrants and the public, while recognizing that the College's responsibility is first and foremost to protect the public. My goal is simple: to contribute to a culture of respect, accountability, inclusion and thoughtful governance, while keeping patient safety and public confidence at the centre of every decision.