



Dr. Vishal Kumar

I am seeking election to RCDSO Council because I believe the regulator's foremost responsibility is to protect the public and maintain the trust patients place in the dental profession. Every patient should have confidence that they will receive safe, ethical, competent and respectful care. My career has provided me with diverse experience in patient care, public service and clinical leadership. Before coming to Canada, I served as a dentist with the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme, providing care to veterans and their families. I subsequently served with the Central Government Health Scheme in India as a Nodal Officer, treating more than 40,000 patients over approximately five years. I later served as Clinical Head at a major dental chain, working with dental professionals in a high-volume environment. These experiences strengthened my understanding of accountability, quality of care and the importance of maintaining professional standards. My involvement in anti-tobacco awareness initiatives also shaped my belief that protecting the public goes beyond treatment—it includes prevention, education and helping people make informed decisions about their health. I have also been actively involved in mentoring dental graduates and internationally trained dentists pursuing licensure. This has given me an appreciation of the importance of maintaining high standards while supporting competent professionals entering the profession. If elected, I would bring an independent, balanced and practical perspective to Council. I would listen to patients, dentists and other stakeholders, consider different viewpoints, ask difficult questions and make decisions based on evidence and the public interest. I would not see my role as simply representing dentists. I would see it as helping ensure that dentistry remains a profession the public can trust—through strong standards, accountability, transparency and a continued focus on patient safety.