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SDA PRESS RELEASE

Members of The Singapore Dental Association (SDA) have received a letter from the Singapore Dental Council on 25 May 2019

1. The Singapore Dental Council (SDC) and Ministry of Health (MOH) are inviting views and feedback from our dental professional bodies and the dental community on the preliminary recommendations of an MOH-appointed Working Committee on better competency development for safe and quality dental care.
2. The said SDC circular also listed some Preliminary Recommendations regarding
 - (I) Framework for Competencies
 - a. Competencies for Basic Dental Care
 - b. Competencies for Intermediate Dental Care Requiring Additional Training
 - c. Competencies for Specialist Dental Care – to be attained by dentists through specialist training
 - (II) Certificates of Competency for Identified Higher-Risk Intermediate Dental Care Procedures

SDA shares SDC's concerns on patient safety and firmly believes in the importance of continuing education in ensuring the safe and timely delivery of quality dental care. However, SDA believes that restrictions may not be the best way to achieve it without compromising access to care and escalating healthcare cost for Singaporeans.

One alternative suggestion is to improve the access of dental professionals to high quality, affordable training programs

To address the issue, SDA convened a Special General Meeting on 26 May that was attended by a record 477 members, and elected a Standing Committee to study the matter and work with the relevant authorities to improve care while making it accessible and affordable.

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**By The Standing Committee for Dental Classification and Dental Procedures Accreditation
for SDA**