



**POLICY STATEMENT ON  
WATER FLUORIDATION**

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## **I. POLICY STATEMENT**

The Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry (OAPHD) supports the fluoridation of municipal drinking water. It recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective and economical public health measure to prevent dental caries in all age groups.

## **II. METHODOLOGY**

An internet search was conducted for water fluoridation and fluorides policy and position statements from four organizations that represent the closest professional affiliation with the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry. They are the Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry, the Canadian Dental Association, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario and the Ontario Dental Association. All policy and position statements were made between 2002 and 2005.

## **III. BACKGROUND**

The Canadian Association of Public Dentistry website under the heading Fluoridation of Community Water Systems cites eight respected professional organizations throughout the world that support water fluoridation<sup>1</sup>. The Canadian Dental Association (CDA) website under the heading Use of Fluorides in Caries Prevention supports fluoridation of municipal drinking water at levels required for efficacy by the Federal-Provincial Subcommittee on Drinking Water<sup>2</sup>. The policy statement of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons on Ontario under the heading Water Fluoridation supports the fluoridation of drinking water as an important approach to oral health promotion and

disease prevention<sup>3</sup>. The Ontario Dental Association under the heading Community Water Fluoridation Hits 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary adopts the Canadian Dental Association position in support of water fluoridation<sup>4</sup>.

#### **IV. REFERENCES**

1. <http://www.caphd-acspd.org/Position-Fluoridation.pdf>
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