Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry
Strategic Plan 2026–2030

Vision
A province where every person has equitable access to high-quality oral health care as an essential component of overall health and well-being.

Mission
To advance and strengthen public health dentistry in Ontario through leadership, advocacy, evidence-informed practice, and provincial collaboration.

Strategic Role
OAPHD serves as a champion of best practices and innovation in public health dentistry across Ontario, as well as a partner of choice and trusted policy voice, supporting consistency, collaboration, and evidence-informed decision-making across the oral health system.

Strategic Priorities

1. System Integration & Policy Influence
Strengthening integration of oral health within Ontario's public health and broader health systems through advocacy, policy leadership, and partnerships.

2. Public Health Dentistry Practice Standard Setting & Capacity Development
Advancing consistent, high-quality, equitable oral health programs across Ontario and fostering an engaged, supported workforce to serve the public and the profession.

3. Prevention, School-Based Programs & Upstream Action

Reinforcing prevention and early intervention in public health dentistry in Ontario, ensuring equitable access to oral health care in alignment with the Ontario Public Health Standards.

Implementation Approach
The plan is adaptive and phased, emphasizing collaboration, evidence-informed decision-making, and strong member engagement through working groups and partnerships.

Commitment
OAPHD is committed to advancing equity, strengthening partnerships, and improving oral health outcomes for all Ontarians through coordinated, evidence-informed action.