



Plan to attend an upcoming meeting of the GPSC. Invite your colleagues and classmates to join you. Attendees do not have to be registered with the club to attend but a timely RSVP to meeting invitations will be helpful with arrangements. If you are unable to RSVP ahead of time you are still welcome to attend.

Correspondence about the GPSC will be by e-mail. If you know of someone eligible for, but not receiving GPSC notifications please ask that they provide their preferred e-mail address to the MDA.

To register or find out more, contact Greg Guenther at the GPSC Committee:

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GENERAL PRACTICE STUDY CLUB

# Case Study





Many dentists find that as they establish careers they face many common rewards and challenges, but fewer opportunities than they might want to network with other dentists. The Manitoba Dental Association General Practice Study Club was established in 2013 as an opportunity to meet, eat, learn and share while earning free continuing education points. Study clubs are becoming widely recognized for the networking, career support and comradeship they add to our continuing education experiences. Through small group discussions, we hope to match your personal needs and expectations.

There is no cost to belong to the study club. Participation is open to all dentists in Manitoba during their first five years of registration with the Manitoba Dental Association. This includes dentists who have trained outside of Canada going through the process of assessment and registration to practice in Manitoba.

**The club provides an opportunity to establish contacts within the Manitoba dental community, develop a sense of the local dental culture and connect with resources that can prove helpful in the licensure process.**

Facilitators for the GPSC are Manitoba dentists chosen for their depth of experience, knowledge, judgment, and clinical skills in dentistry. They have attended workshops to develop their skills facilitating the discussions that are at the core of the club's activities. The club is guided by a planning committee comprised of representatives of the club participants (one from each of the five years of eligibility), a representative from the senior class at the U of M College of Dentistry and the club facilitators.

## Overview:

The study club year begins with a kick off cocktail party, a meet and greet with no formal program, just food, camaraderie and a chance to get the year started. Buffet meals (with vegetarian options) are also provided at all of the study club regular sessions.

To accommodate a variety of work schedules, club evenings are held on different days of the week. The final club meeting is held on a Saturday or Sunday morning.

A typical study club evening would consist of a short lecture during dinner, with a Q and A session to follow. Anonymous options for question submission will be provided as well as a chance to speak with the lecturer later in the evening. Following the Q and A, small group discussions are facilitated by general dentists, who have training and experience to help guide group discussions.

The group can ask the practitioner facilitator on any number of topics such as treatment planning, patient communication and office management tips. The makeup of the groups would change each meeting to allow the broadest possible sharing of a variety of viewpoints and experiences.

No formal closing of the discussion is planned and participants will be encouraged to continue networking and exchanging ideas and information outside of GPSC.



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