Coming of Age:

Lessons from the Past,

Strategies for the Future
EQUITY FOR DENTAL PRACTICE IN THE CARIBBEAN

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Professional Factors Affecting Dental Practice

- Variation(s) in Accreditation of Dental Schools attended by practitioners
- Variation(s) in National Autonomy & Registration
IS EQUITY NECESSARY in The CARIBBEAN?

- Each Country Has Its Own Regulations and Standards in Relation to The Practice of Dentistry.

- Qualitative Standards Must Equate For Recognition. Provides Acceptance and Improves National Inter-relationship

- Each Country Requires Qualification From A School. ?Accredited?

- Alternatively, Need to Take a Board/Council Exam.
The main objectives are:

- Full use of labour force → full employment & full exploitation of the other factors of production (natural resources and capital);
- Competitive production → greater variety and quantity of products and services to trade with other countries.
- Provide improved standards of living & work
- Sustained economic development within CARICOM.
CARICOM States

MEMBERS
1. Antigua & Barbuda
2. The Bahamas
3. Barbados
4. Belize
5. Dominica
6. Grenada
7. Guyana
8. Haiti
9. Jamaica
10. Montserrat
11. St. Kitts
12. St. Lucia
13. St. Vincent & The Grenadines
14. Suriname
15. Trinidad and Tobago

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
1. Anguilla (4th July 1999)
2. Bermuda (2nd July 2003)
3. British Virgin Islands (2nd July 1991)
4. Cayman Islands (15th May 2002)
5. Turks & Caicos (2nd July 1991)
The CARICOM Single Market and Economy

In the Grande Anse Declaration and Work Programme for the Advancement of the Integration Movement,

The CARICOM Heads of Government expressed their determination to work toward a single market and economy by eliminating all barriers.

Intended to benefit the people of the Region by providing more and better opportunities to produce and sell our goods and services.

It will create one large market among the participating member states.
CAAM-HP - Instrument of CARICOM

Providing Equity and Uniformity in Dental Education

All CARICOM member countries fall under the CAAM-HP.

- Signed the Inter Governmental Agreement.
  - Antigua & Barbuda,
  - The Bahamas,
  - Barbados,
  - Belize,
  - Grenada,
  - Guyana,
  - Jamaica,
  - St Kitts & Nevis,
  - Suriname
  - Trinidad & Tobago
Dental Schools Under Review

- UWI Trinidad applied for Review
- UWI Jamaica applied for Review
- No other Dental Schools Under Review
Responsibilities:
Police and regulate the dental professions by setting standards quality assuring education registration and public safety

- Ensure that registered dentists meets patients’ expectations.
- Take action against those who work outside the law.
- Governed by National Legislation and Autonomy.
Guarantee Quality

- CAAM-HP
- COUNCILS

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Addressing Equity

- Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP)
- National Dental Councils (NDC’s)
- National Dental Associations (NDA’s)
- Governments/Ministries of Health (MOH)
- The CARICOM Single Market and Economy
Qualitative Standards Ensures Graduates have:

- Safety in delivery of Health service to public
- Equity in qualification
- Regional & International recognition
- Ability to practice under National legislative constraints (Councils)
- Ability to travel within the proposed CSME
Managing Caribbean Destiny

Infrastructure

It doesn’t matter how many resources you have if you don’t know how to use them, they will never be enough.
? CHALLENGES?

- CAAM-HP
DENTAL COUNCILS

? CHALLENGES ?

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Working Together
? OTHER SOLUTIONS ?

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Moving Forward With CAAM-HP

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