



## Harriet Rosenbaum, Winnipeg, Manitoba

This award should be presented to a Manitoba dental hygienist who is the definition of a superhero in our profession, workplace, and community. Harriet Rosenbaum is passionate about her practice as a dental hygienist. She is always engaging the staff to participate whenever a school is looking for some community outreach. She will help organize any event and get input from the hygienists she works alongside. I know she has done so many outreach programs over the years from school and church groups to adult day programs. She asks for our opinion when ordering toothbrushes and instruments and loves to swap patient stories.

She will often have not just her mentor students in to observe her work, but anyone who might be interested in becoming a dental hygienist. As a lifelong learner, she spent a few years being a CCR reviewer and likes to encourage discussion on anyone's CCRs in the office as it helps all of us learn by sharing information. She will also participate in any new or ongoing MDHA or CDHA events. I know she was part of the CDHA ethics review a few years back. She was an item writer for the National Dental Hygiene board exam. She helped organize the MDHA run for the cure initially back in the 90s and then recently. She also just became a vaccinator with Shared Health to try and combat COVID 19

I know that Harriet has been practicing for 41 years and has won a few awards along the way such as the distinguished alumni award for dental hygiene, Oral B National Outreach award and has been a runner for the superhero award. She continues to be a life member of MDHA. Harriet spent 11 years as a lecturer at the dental college part-time for the dental hygiene clinic and first-year dentistry lab. She taught radiology for dental hygiene for 3 years. She wrote a publication in the Oral Health Journal in April 2001 about longevity in practice. She has also been one to get involved with tv segments to promote and educate about oral health.

She collaborated with heart and stroke and did a piece about cube counting and hidden sugars in food and has been involved with a few commercials for National Dental Hygiene Week. When Harriet was president of the association for two terms and the first executive director of MDHA, she recalls that she sat in so many positions, and was in so many meetings that her kids knew more about MDHA and self-regulation than some others should. She wanted to role model to her kids



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that if you believe in something and are passionate about a cause you need to put words into action. Winning this award would be very special for Harriet because the honorarium goes to Cancer Care Manitoba. Harriet's daughter was diagnosed with a chordoma in 2017 and would be honoured that Cancer Care would benefit from her work with MDHA.



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