



Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry  
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## 2017

# CAPHD RECOGNITION AWARDS

## PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The CAPHD Public Service Awards recognizes dental public health professionals who through their actions (i.e., research, advocacy, and clinical practice) has shown a substantial commitment and contribution to public health dentistry in Canada.

### **Dr. Robert Schroth**

Dr. Schroth holds a DMD from University of Manitoba, and also a MSc, a PhD and a post-doctoral fellowship from the same university. Dr Schroth is an avid advocate for children's health, especially the underserved including Aboriginal children, refugees and those from rural and remote areas. His main areas of research include Early Childhood Caries and the role that nutrition and prenatal factors have on infant and preschool oral health (including the relationship between vitamin D deficiencies and both enamel hypoplasia and ECC in an urban Aboriginal population). Dr. Schroth is a key participant in the Healthy Smile Happy Child Project (The Manitoba Collaborative Project for the Prevention of Early Childhood Tooth Decay), a Manitoba Health grant funded project guided by the pillars of community-development, oral health promotion/education, and research/evaluation. This project has partnered with communities to produce needed oral health promotion resources and has undertaken both quantitative and qualitative studies relating to preschool oral health in Manitoba. He also has an interest in health policy and Aboriginal health. In addition to his research program he practices part-time at two community clinics where he cares for many underserved young children with ECC. Dr Schroth received various awards during his career and some of his initiatives include the Oral Health and the Aboriginal Child Knowledge Transfer Site <http://oralhealth.circumpolarhealth.org/> and the WRHA Early Child Tooth Decay (Healthy Smile happy Child resources) [http://www.wrha.mb.ca/healthinfo/preventill/oral\\_child.php](http://www.wrha.mb.ca/healthinfo/preventill/oral_child.php)

# MERIT AWARD

The CAPHD Merit Award recognizes the efforts of groups and individuals, who are not oral health professionals, in improving the oral health of all Canadians. These efforts can include, but are not limited to, administrative work, inter-professional education and health promotion.

## **First Nation Health Authority**

First Nation Health Authority (FNHA) is the first province-wide health authority of its kind in Canada, and in 2013 assumed the programs, services, and responsibilities formerly handled by Health Canada's First Nations Inuit Health Branch – Pacific Region. FNHA vision is to transform the health and well-being of BC's First Nations and Aboriginal people by dramatically changing healthcare for the better, including oral health to children via its COHI - Children's oral health initiative. FNHA works under the "Engagement and Approvals Pathway", a process by which the First Nations Health Council and FNHA gather input, guidance and builds consensus on key decisions. The FNHA is responsible for planning, management, service delivery and funding of health programs, in partnership with First Nations communities in BC. Guided by the vision of embedding cultural safety and humility into health service delivery, the FNHA works to reform the way health care is delivered to BC First Nations through direct services, provincial partnership collaboration, and health systems innovation. FNHA is also engaged with the teaching of cultural competencies within the dental and dental hygiene curricula at UBC. Equally important, FNHA employs the dental therapists working in BC. Its services are largely focused on health promotion and disease prevention and include primary health care; children, youth and maternal health; mental health and wellness; communicable disease control, environmental health and research, FNHB, eHealth and Telehealth; health infrastructure and human resources.