Have you ever wondered why dental care was excluded from Canadian Medicare? Was this a good or bad thing? What has happened as a result of this policy decision? And where are we today, given recent media attention to this issue, and public calls for including dental care in Medicare?

This session will review the history of Canadian dentistry, as it traversed the development of the Canadian welfare state. It will outline some of the policy challenges and professional risks that we now face given our current context, and will propose a path forward to the idea of including dental care in Medicare.

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