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On April 25, CDA issued a CDALert on the American Heart Association's (AHA) 2007 guidelines for antibiotic prophylaxis prior to dental procedures to prevent infective endocarditis. In light of these new guidelines, CDA has now rescinded its 2005 position on *Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Dental Patients at Risk*.

The withdrawn statement addressed the needs of patients at risk of infective endocarditis and those with total joint replacement. To ensure that Canadian dentists are not left without guidance on those topics while new material on antibiotic prophylaxis is being produced by its Committee on Clinical and Scientific Affairs, CDA has endorsed the new AHA guidelines and maintains its endorsement of the 2003 statement of the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons concerning antibiotic prophylaxis for dental patients with total joint replacements.

[American Heart Association - New guidelines regarding antibiotics to prevent infective endocarditis](#)

[American Dental Association and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons - Antibiotic prophylaxis for dental patients with total joint replacements](#)

Update on Counterfeit Tubes of Colgate Brand Toothpaste

On June 19, CDA issued a CDALert about suspected counterfeit Colgate brand toothpaste found in a dollar store in Guelph, Ontario. Health Canada has now issued a warning for consumers to discontinue use of these products immediately. Health Canada's warning is available at:

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2007/2007_79_e.html

Health Canada Issues Tainted Chinese Toothpaste Warning

Health Canada has issued a second, unrelated warning for consumers not to use toothpaste made in China, after finding unacceptable levels of diethylene glycol (DEG) in 21 products to date. That warning is available at:

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2007/2007_80_e.html

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