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This is a three-hour session, reviewing the major public policy issues facing dentistry today.

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1. The place of dentistry within Canada’s health care system;
2. Demographic changes, oral disease, and access to dental care;
3. Changes in insurance, provider supply, and competition in the dental care market;
4. The corporatization and commercialization of dentistry;
5. Ethical decision-making in dentistry.

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