



# Optimizing Cash Flow and Building Wealth Within Your Dental Practice

A practical financial planning guide for dentists who own or operate a clinic.

Running a dental practice means balancing patient care with debt repayment, equipment costs, staffing, taxes, and personal financial goals. With the right plan, your practice can support both day-to-day cash flow and long-term wealth creation..

A coordinated approach can help you make clearer decisions around what to take personally, what to retain corporately, and how to invest for the future

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## Corporate Tax Planning

**Incorporation:** A professional corporation may help dentists manage income, retain capital, and reinvest surplus cash when practice earnings exceed personal lifestyle needs.

**Tax Deferral:** In Alberta, qualifying Canadian-controlled private corporations may access the small business deduction on the first \$500,000 of active business income, leaving more after-tax cash available for debt repayment, equipment, hiring, and investment.

**Holding Companies:** A holding company may help separate excess cash and investments from the operating clinic, supporting asset protection, tax planning, estate planning, and future transition planning.

**Salary vs. Dividends:** The right compensation mix can affect personal cash flow, RRSP room, CPP contributions, borrowing capacity, and how much capital remains inside the corporation.

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## Wealth Accumulation

**Corporate Investing:** Retained earnings can often be invested inside a dental professional corporation or holding company, allowing pre-personal-tax dollars to work toward long-term goals.

**Corporate Life Insurance:** Corporate-owned life insurance can help deploy surplus corporate cash tax-efficiently while supporting estate planning, business continuity, and wealth transfer through the Capital Dividend Account.

**TFSA and RRSP:** Personal savings plans remain important alongside corporate planning, with TFSAs offering tax-free growth and RRSPs providing tax deductions and long-term tax deferral.

## How We Help Dentists Build for the Future

We help dentists align practice cash flow, corporate investments, compensation, retirement planning, insurance, and future practice transition with their personal financial goals.

**Let's start the conversation:** If you own or plan to own a dental practice, a focused planning discussion can help identify opportunities to improve cash flow, build wealth, and prepare for the future.

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## Pax Portfolio Advisory Team

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