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## Dentists arrogant

Re: **Fluoridation 'scare' tactics condemned — Sept. 15**

Dr. Harry Hoediono arrogantly dismisses his opposition in the fluoride debate, making a "straw man" of the word "acid" in hydrofluorocilic acid, claiming that this substance when dissolved technically ceases to be an acid.

Hoediono, the next president of the Ontario Dental Association, is obscuring the point — that what goes into the water, however it reconfigures itself, all goes into your body. So, the trace contaminants, arsenic, lead, mercury and radioactive materials, much of which builds in the body over time go in as well. That's the real objection the opposition has — the extra industrial waste that goes into our water along with the fluoride. Most families think this is not worth the risk.

Hoediono calls his opposition fear-mongers, as every dentist has for the last 60 years. He tries to dismiss the opposition as not worth talking to. They claim they have presented the science and have no more to say.

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