

# Dental IPC Bites

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## Sterilized and Spotless

Sterilization and disinfection is one of the most critical processes in a dental practice. Use this monthly tip to help improve your practice and keep your patients safe! Cleaning instruments before sterilization is a critical step in instrument processing. Cleaning removes bioburden and materials from the instruments so the sterilizer is able to effectively kill the microorganisms on the instruments. Find out more at:

[CDC FAQ: Sterilization](#)

## The Mouthy IP

The Mouthy IP is a podcast that is focused on dental infection best practice where we answer questions submitted by our listeners. Find out more on Twitter at @Mouthy\_IP or on our website at: <https://bit.ly/ICAPDental> Submit your questions to [sstream@nebraskamed.com](mailto:sstream@nebraskamed.com)



## Upcoming Events

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 5/25/22

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 6/8/22

## Project Firstline Education and Training Program Launched

Project Firstline is Infection Control (IC) training for your frontline healthcare workers, including dental professionals. Nebraska ICAP is offering free training opportunities for dental facilities using the CDC approved Project Firstline curriculum along with Dental Continuing Education Credits.

- Why is it important? Infection Control:
  - Works! The right practices can stop germs from spreading in healthcare facilities.
  - Is a Team Effort! Infection control is most effective when all team members use it consistently.
  - Matters! Infection control is a critical part of safe healthcare delivery in all healthcare settings.
- To find out more or to schedule a training for your facility, visit the [Ne ICAP Project Firstline Website](#) and check out the “Current Training Opportunities” drop down.

## Antimicrobial Stewardship in Dentistry

Antimicrobial stewardship is a rational, systematic approach to the use of antimicrobial agents in order to achieve optimal outcomes. This means using the right agent, at the correct dose, for the appropriate duration in order to cure or prevent infection, while minimizing toxicity and emergence of resistance.

The Nebraska Antimicrobial Stewardship Assessment and Promotion Program (ASAP) is supported by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Healthcare-Associated Infection/Antimicrobial Resistance Team through a CDC grant. The goal of ASAP is to promote the effective use of antimicrobials and improve patient outcomes throughout the state of Nebraska by collaborating with local clinicians, pharmacists, infection preventionists and other health care workers to establish effective antimicrobial stewardship programs.

To learn more about how Nebraska ASAP can support your practice or antimicrobial stewardship, visit [asap.nebraskamed.com](http://asap.nebraskamed.com)



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