

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!

It's important to preclean instruments to remove bioburden before sterilization. Often, an automated cleaning process (ultrasonic cleaner or instrument washer) is recommended before being dried and packaged for sterilization. However, manual cleaning might be recommended by the manufacturer of delicate or complex instruments. For this reason, it is essential to review the instructions for use for each instrument that is reprocessed.

Find out more at:

<https://bit.ly/3yOpF6P>

The Mouthy IP

The Mouthy IP is a podcast that is focused on dental infection best practice. Find out more on Twitter at @Mouthy_IP or on our website at:

<https://bit.ly/ICAPDental>

Submit your questions to sstream@nebraskamed.com



Upcoming Events

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 7/27/22

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 8/10/22

[APIC CDS Conference \(Boston\)](#) | 11/10-11/22

Let's talk Drug Diversion

The use of narcotic drugs in any healthcare setting is a highly regulated process. In dentistry, this includes many of the drugs that are used in IV sedation for surgical procedures. In order to make this process as safe as possible for both the patient and provider, a strict protocol should be in place for handling of these medications. There are many different resources available on drug diversion and opioid safety. Check out the webinar series and practice resources by the American Dental Association on [Opioid Education for the Dental Setting](#). There is also a great toolkit available from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists on [Drug Diversion Planning and Response](#).

APIC Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization Conference

The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) is hosting a 2 day conference in Boston, MA (and virtually) in November that focuses on cleaning, disinfection and sterilization in healthcare facilities. You can find more information at <https://bit.ly/3yRKTzb>.

Nebraska ICAP Supports Dental Clinics with Infection Control

Nebraska ICAP offers dental clinics many infection prevention and control (IPC) support services to build their IPC programs.

- Staff education: Nebraska ICAP offers education by experienced infection preventionists to keep your staff up to date on the latest IPC guidelines and recommendations. Visit the [Ne ICAP Project Firstline Website](#) to learn more.
- Infection Control Review: Ne ICAP provides a free, comprehensive review of your infection control program. To find out more or to schedule this review for your clinic, call us at 402.552.2881.
- Mentorship: Do you have a staff member that is passionate about infection control and wanting to take it to the next level? We have a Dental IC Mentorship program that is just for them! Call us for more information.
- Questions: Ne ICAP is available for infection control technical assistance during normal business hours. Call us to be connected to an experienced Infection Preventionist that can help answer your questions!