

Dental IPC Bites

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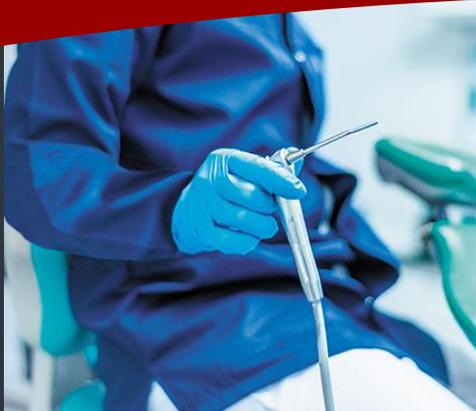
Sterilized and Spotless

Indicators, integrators, and biological monitors are all different quality assurance tests that should be included in your sterilization processes. Every pack or cassette should have an internal and external indicator to indicate that the inside and outside of the package meet temperature requirements. Additionally, every load should have an integrator to test all load parameters. And lastly, every week, every sterilizer should have a biological monitoring test done to confirm the destruction of spores during the load cycle.

Find out more at:
<http://bit.ly/3WSa8ML>

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 ssstream@nebraskamed.com



Upcoming Events

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 12/14/22

[Infection Control and High-Risk Areas in Dentistry: Ne ICAP and UNMC COD](#) | 12/16/22

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 12/28/22

[OSAP Bootcamp](#) | 1/23-25/22

Antibiotic Awareness Week is November 18-24

Antibiotic prescriptions in the dental setting may be a necessary part of treatment, but prescribing antibiotics should be done in a way that reduces unnecessary use of antibiotics. There are many resources available to help dental providers practice Antibiotic Stewardship:

- CDC: [Printable Checklist for Antibiotic Prescribing in Dentistry](#)
- CDC: [Educational Resources for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- ADA: [Antibiotic Prophylaxis Prior to Dental Procedures](#)
- AAPD: [Guideline on Use of Antibiotic Therapy for Pediatric Dental Patients](#)
- AAE: [Use and Abuse of Antibiotics](#)
- CDC: [Seven Ways Dentists Can Act Against Antibiotic Resistance](#)
- CDC: [Addressing Antibiotic Resistance in Dentistry: "What can WE do?"](#)
- CDC: [Antibiotic Safety: Do's and Don'ts at the Dentist](#)
- JADA: [A Safer Dental Visit – Considerations for Responsible Antibiotic Use](#)

November's Featured Infection Control Resource

On October 31, 2022, the CDC issued a HAN related to outbreaks in dental offices from dental unit waterlines. Nebraska ICAP has created a comprehensive Dental Unit Waterline Toolkit for dental facilities. Links to both the CDC HAN and the Dental Unit Waterline Toolkit can be found at:

CDC HAN: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2022/han00478.asp>

DUWL Toolkit: <https://icap.nebraskamed.com/resource/dental-unit-waterline-toolkit/>

Contact Nebraska ICAP with questions concerning DUWLs at any time.

Nebraska ICAP Supports Dental Clinics with Infection Control

Nebraska ICAP is a free program that offers dental clinics many infection prevention and control (IPC) support services to build their IPC programs. Reach out to us to schedule support for your infection control needs.

- Proactive, non-regulatory infection control reviews for any office
- Staff education and infection control career advancement programs
- Infection control support via phone or email
- Infection control educational presentations and courses



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