

Dental IPC Bites

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Sterilized and Spotless

Did you know.....

The packages you take out of your sterilizer should be completely dry when the sterilizer finishes it's cycle.

If your packages are still wet, they are called 'wet packs' and there are many different causes. These causes can range from instruments still being wet when they are packaged to sterilizer functionality issues.

If you need more information on wet packs or how to troubleshoot your processes, call us or check out this wet pack checklist:

[Click Here](#)

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](#) | 1/11/23

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 1/25/23

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

CDC Updates Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices

In November 2022, the CDC updated their Core Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practices.

The updates include the addition of injection and medication safety, and minimizing potential exposure in standard precautions. They have also added a recommendation for source control masking for both patients and staff during periods of higher levels of community respiratory virus transmission (ex: Influenza, RSV, COVID-19).

You can learn more about the 8 Core Practices by visiting the the link included with the list of practices.

The CDC's [Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices for All Healthcare Settings](#) include:

1. Leadership support
2. Education and training for healthcare providers
3. Patient, family and caregiver education
4. Performance monitoring and feedback
5. Standard precautions
6. Transmission-based precautions
7. Temporary invasive medical devices for clinical management
8. Occupational health

December's Featured Infection Control Resource

This month's featured resource comes to you from Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. The Respiratory Illness Dashboard gives you a snapshot of 3 major respiratory illnesses and how they are affecting the State. The dashboard can be found [here on the Nebraska ICAP website](#). Simply scroll to the bottom of the page. You can chose between COVID-19, Influenza and RSV at the bottom of the dashboard page.

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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