

Dental IPC Bites

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Sterilized and Spotless

Maintenance of your sterilization equipment is another important step that you can't skip if you want your sterilization cycles to be effective.

Regular maintenance of sterilization equipment includes inspection, cleaning, and gasket replacement. Every piece of equipment will have different instructions for use and steps to complete maintenance and should be checked before anything is done.

While some of these processes can be done by staff in the office, it's also good to include a qualified technician that is able to come in regularly to ensure the equipment is working properly and doesn't need any maintenance that is more involved.

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](#) | 3/8/23
[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 3/22/23

Free, Self-Paced Infection Control Training

The CDC provides free training modules for dental professionals that can be completed at any time to help increase the awareness of infection control knowledge in the dental setting. These modules are great for a refresher in infection control or for a new employee activity! You can find these modules at on the [CDC website here](#).

- **Module 1: Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control** introduces infection prevention and control for dental settings, reviews existing guidelines, recommendations, and resources, and describes the fundamentals of evaluating dental infection prevention programs.
- **Module 2: Protecting Patients, Protecting Yourself** reviews hand hygiene, personal protective equipment, respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette, sharps safety, and safe injection practices.
- **Module 3: Sterilization, Disinfection, and the Dental Environment** reviews the sterilization process, environmental infection prevention and control guidelines, and dental unit water line safety.

February's Featured Infection Control Resource

The [Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention \(OSAP\)](#) has recently re-released the iconic dental infection control video, "If Saliva Were Red." This new version brings the infection control concepts into an up-to-date dental facility with newer technology like digital radiographs. This new version would be a great way to remind your team that infection control is important! You can find the new video (and 1 free hour of CE) on their website at: <https://www.osap.org/if-saliva-were-red>

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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