



Summary:

The team discussed a commonly identified gap that is seen in infection control assessments: utility glove use.

Discussion Points:

1. Utility gloves are puncture resistant gloves that help protect the hands of anyone that may be cleaning or sterilizing and working with sharp instruments.
2. CDC recommends and OSHA requires utility gloves be worn during the instrument reprocessing and any other time contact with sharp instruments may occur.
3. The facility can do an assessment to find the best utility gloves for their employees, many come in different sizes and styles that may work better than others depending on the task.

Resource List:

1. OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard: <https://www.osha.gov/bloodborne-pathogens/standards>
2. CDC Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in the Dental Setting: <https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/pdf/safe-care2.pdf>
3. CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Healthcare Settings: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5217.pdf>
4. APIC Risk Assessment Template (can be modified for your needs): [https://apic.org/Resource /TinyMceFileManager/Education/ASC Intensive/Resources Page/ASC Risk Assessment Template.docx](https://apic.org/Resource/TinyMceFileManager/Education/ASC_Intensive/Resources_Page/ASC_Risk_Assessment_Template.docx)