

# Dental IPC Bites

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## Sterilized and Spotless: Package Labeling

We've talked in the past about what should be included in package labeling, but have you ever wondered if the pen or marker you're using is the right one?

Using the incorrect pen or marker or writing on the pouch in the wrong area can cause the ink to bleed through the paper and compromise the sterility of the instruments.

ANSI/ AAMI ST79 Comprehensive Guide to Steam Sterilization states that markers that are non-toxic according to ASTM D4236 standards and approved for sterilization conditions should be used to label pouches on the plastic side of the pouch to maintain sterility of the instruments.



## The Mouthy IP Podcast

You can find more information at: <https://bit.ly/ICAPDental>

Submit your questions to [stream@nebraskamed.com](mailto:stream@nebraskamed.com)



## Upcoming Events

[OSAP: Ortho Instrument Reprocessing](#) | 08/30/23

[OSAP: Medical Emergencies in Dentistry](#) | 09/07/23

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 09/13/23

[Dental Infection Control Summit](#) | 09/15/23

VENTILATION	FILTRATION	UV GERMICIDAL IRRADIATION
"Add outdoor air to dilute virus in inside air"	"Capture & remove virus in inside air"	"Kill virus in inside air"

## Air Quality in the Dental Practice

We're all familiar with air quality needs since the COVID-19 pandemic, but it's a good idea to continue with filtration to keep the air quality at a safe level for your staff and patients. There are generally 3 approaches to increase air quality: ventilation, filtration and UV irradiation. Directional flow can also have an impact on the air quality in certain parts of the facility.

### Quick Tips:

- Adequate ventilation for your building will help with air quality
- Additional filtration devices in operatories have a positive effect

### Resources:

[ASHRE: Core Recommendations for Air Quality](#)  
[Air Quality Approaches to Minimize Transmission](#)

## August's Featured Infection Control Resource

July's featured resource is the Dental Check app from the CDC Division of Oral Health to help assess your infection control practices. This app consists of yes/ no questions that you can answer about your practice and review basic infection prevention principles. The app also links to full recommendations and source documents for dental health care settings. The app can be used annually to make sure the practice is meeting the CDC's minimum expectations for safe care in the dental setting.



You can find this resource [here](#).

## 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.

- Initiative-taking, 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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