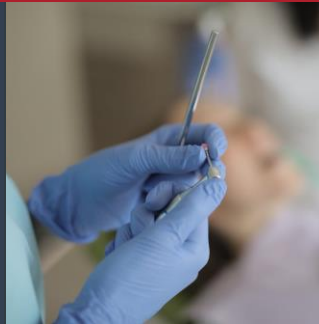


Sterilized and Spotless: Preclean Hold

AAMI/ ANSI ST79

Comprehensive Guide to Steam Sterilization says instruments should “begin decontamination as soon as possible after the items have been used.” But what should happen if you can’t start decontamination immediately?

The goal is to keep the bioburden from drying on the instruments. The [CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in the Dental Setting](#) indicate if manual cleaning is not performed immediately, placing instruments in a puncture-resistant container and soaking them with an approved detergent or enzymatic cleaner will prevent bioburden from drying on the instruments and make cleaning easier.



Upcoming Events

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 02/14/24

[OSAP Bootcamp](#) | 02/05-07/24

[OSAP: Oral Health Concerns with STIs](#) | 02/12/24

Planning for the Worst Makes Your Facility the Best

You’re going about your business during a busy workday, and someone mentions that the Biological Indicator (BI) has failed for a sterilizer load, what do you do? Planning for these scenarios can mean the difference between chaos and successful mitigation of a potential patient safety incident. Review what your facility process is and run regular drills to practice with all staff so they are not caught off guard if this happens. The process listed is general and should be customized to your facility needs and equipment.

BI Failure Process	
1	Quarantine instruments and take sterilizer out of service
2	Repeat biological indicator test to confirm failure
3	Identify all instruments that may have been a part of the failure and quarantine them
4	Have a service tech look at the sterilizer to determine the source of the failure
5	After service or repair, retest sterilizer with 3 successful BI tests before use

January Featured Resource: Ne ICAP Learning Center

Ne ICAP is excited to announce that there are free, online, self-paced courses now available. The Ne ICAP Learning Center features courses that can be completed at any time, with certificates of completion or continuing education credit available. Keep an eye on this free resource as our course library grows to include infection control and even dental specific courses! You can find this website by scanning the QR code or visiting

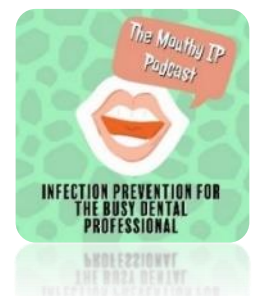
<https://icapasaplearning.nebraskamed.com/>



ICAP Newsworthy Notes

What’s been going on at ICAP? We’re so glad you asked!

- We were excited to share our dental program on a national webinar collaboration between APIC and OSAP recently. If you’d like to see what we do, let us know!
- Episode 25 of the Mouthy IP was just published on Protective Eyewear for Staff.
- The ICAP team is proud to be providing education for the Nebraska Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) State Leadership Conference in March.
- Dental Resources that cover all infection control topics as well as information on where to listen to the podcast can be found on our website at: <https://icap.nebraskamed.com/facilities/dental/>



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