

Sterilized and Spotless: Documentation: Load Logs

Documentation of your efforts in the sterilization area is just as important for patient safety as the technical processes that are happening.

You are using internal and external indicators on your packaging, as well as a Type V Chemical Integrator in each load, now you need to document the results. A load log ([Template](#)) can be used for this documentation and should include Sterilizer ID, Load #, Time In, Contents of Load, Time Out, Type V Test Results and Operator Initials. The [CDC](#) recommends you keep these logs for at least 3 years in case of audit.



Upcoming Events

[OSAP: From Mistakes to Mastery](#) | 05/01/24

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 05/08/24

[OSAP: Crashing the Biofilm Party](#) | 05/15/24

[OSAP Annual Session: Tucson, AZ](#) | 05/30 - 06/01/24

Staff Education: Important and Ongoing

Education and training for your staff is an important and ongoing way to create an effective infection control program. This education and training should be provided to staff upon hire, annually and any time a new process or product is introduced to the facility. Records of staff training should include Name, Position, Date of Training and Topic. These training records should be kept for a minimum of 5 years, but it is recommended to keep them for the duration of employment for all employees.

Topics for IPC Education:

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens
Standard Precautions
Hand Hygiene
PPE Selection and Usage
Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection
Sterilization of Patient Care Items
Dental Unit Waterlines

Free Education Resources:

Nebraska ICAP (Live Education)
[CDC Foundations Training](#)
[OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Training](#)

April Featured Resource: IPC Healthcare Personnel Guidance

Updates made on March 28, 2024, to the CDC's Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel Guidance specific to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Special Populations: Pregnant Healthcare Personnel. Find out more on the CDC website at: [Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel](#).

Some things to think about:

- New topics include expanded information on defining occupational exposures in healthcare settings.
- The updated recommendations focus on postexposure management, including postexposure prophylaxis (PEP), for exposed HCP and work restrictions for exposed or infected HCP.

ICAP Newsworthy Notes

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

- ICAP will be presenting a table clinic and a poster presentation at the 2024 OSAP Annual Conference in May/ June. You can register to attend this infection control focused conference through OSAP at: <https://site.pheedloop.com/event/osapconference/home>
- ICAP continues to work with dental facilities in Nebraska to proactively review their infection control programs and policies and provide IPC education for a safer dental visit.
- 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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