



The Mouthy IP Podcast Show Notes **Episode 26: Protective Eyewear for Patients**

Episode Summary:

Our last episode of the Mouthy IP focused on provider safety eyewear, this episode focuses on safety eyewear for patients. We had lively discussion on the need for patient eyewear for multiple reasons. Exposure to ultraviolet light, harmful chemicals and potentially infectious materials puts our patients at risk. These injuries, while not often reported, can have terrible outcomes for our patients.

Some tips discussed during the show include:

- Safety eyewear should be provided to patients to protect them from the hazards they may encounter, including: UV light, chemicals, and infectious diseases.
- While there is no standard for patient eyewear, it's best practice to offer them to every patient, even if they wear prescription glasses.
- Discuss your transfer techniques and ensure you are not transferring any materials or equipment over the patient's face.

The Nebraska ICAP team would love to hear from you about your eyewear experience! What have you found that works for you? What barriers have you encountered when looking for or wearing eyewear? Feel free to email us at sstream@nebraskamed.com with your stories!

Resource List:

- ANSI/ISEA Z87.1-2020: Current Standard for Safety Glasses: <https://blog.ansi.org/ansi-isea-z87-1-2020-safety-glasses-eye-protection/>
- Transferring sharps in the neutral zone: <https://www.cdc.gov/nora/councils/hcsa/stopsticks/pdfs/wk-3-newsletter-neutral-zone-final.pdf>
- Jen's Vision: A true lesson in best practices: <https://www.dentistryiq.com/dental-hygiene/patient-education/article/16359576/jenns-vision-a-true-lesson-in-best-practices>