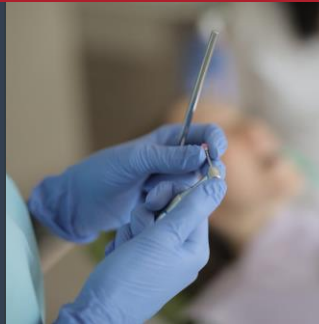


## Sterilized and Spotless: Hinged Instruments

It's important to remember that for sterilization to be successful, the steam or sterilant must come into contact with all surfaces of the device being sterilized. This can pose a challenge when processing hinged instruments.

Hinged instruments would include extraction forceps, cotton pliers, orthodontic pliers, hemostats and anything else that has a hinge and opens/ closes.

According to [CDC](#), hinged instruments should remain in the open position, within their packaging for successful sterilization. If needed, there are cards and stoppers available to hold hinged instruments open in their package.



## Upcoming Events

- [Psychological Safety and Patient Safety](#) | 06/26/24
- [Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Monthly Update](#) | 07/10/24
- [Post Pandemic Infection Prevention](#) | 07/24/24
- [NICN Dental Infection Control Summit](#) | 08/30/24

## Second Annual Dental Infection Control Summit

Nebraska ICAP is excited to partner with the Nebraska Infection Control Network (NICN) to offer the Second Annual Dental Infection Control Summit! This year, the all-day course will be held on August 30, 2024, in Lincoln, NE, at the College of Dentistry's East Union. The day of education includes dental-focused CE on Standard/ Transmission Based Precautions, Sharps Safety/ Safe Injection, Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection, Instrument Processing, Dental Unit Waterlines, Employee Safety, Antibiotic Prescribing in Dentistry, and Sterile Technique in Dentistry.

This event qualifies as infection control credit for Nebraska State Licensure and DANB CDA requirements and as an opportunity to network with others in the dental and infection control professions.

We hope you can join us for a full day of learning and networking! You can find more information and register on the UNMC College of Dentistry Continuing Education site [here](#).

## June Featured Resources: CDC and OSAP Rebranding

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have done a major rebranding and update of their website! Many links have been consolidated, but never fear, there are redirect links where needed. [Check it out!](#)



The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) has rebranded to the Association for Dental Safety (ADS). This allows for better recognition in the dental community and is setting up successful support for the future! [Check it out!](#)



## ICAP Newsworthy Notes

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

- ICAP's very own Sarah Stream was awarded the 2024 Emerging Infection Control Leader Award at this year's ADS (formerly OSAP) annual conference in Tucson. We are so proud of the efforts our team continues to make in the field of dental infection control!
- 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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