



Sterilized and Spotless: Enzymatic Cleaners

Instruments are exposed to saliva, blood, and other types of bioburden that can stick to the instruments, making them harder to clean.

Enzymatic cleaners should be used as both an instrument pre-soak and in the ultrasonic cleaner. These solutions include enzymes that break down the proteins in bioburden making the instruments easier to clean.

Temperature and pH affect the efficacy of the enzymatic cleaners and should be managed according to the product's instruction for use. This may include adjusting the water source used to fill the ultrasonic cleaner.

You can find out more from Steris about enzymatic cleaners [here](#).



Upcoming Events

[Post Pandemic Infection Prevention](#) | 07/24/24

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Monthly Update](#) | 08/14/24

["Spark Notes" 2024 Antibiotic Stewardship Summit](#) | 08/21/24

[NICN Dental Infection Control Summit](#) | 08/30/24

Is your Exposure Incident Protocol sharp enough?

If you got a needlestick or had another exposure incident, would you know what to do? There are certain protocols every employer should have in place for this specific situation.

The most important parts of this plan are employee education and finding a medical clinic for testing. Every employee should know what to do and where to find the resources they need. An emergency room may not be prepared for this type of testing. Contracting with an occupational health clinic will save both time and money.

Exposure Event Response:

1. Stop what you're doing, as long as it's safe to do so
2. Wash or flush the area well
3. Report exposure to manager
4. Go to partner medical clinic for testing as soon as possible
5. Recruit patient, if possible, for testing

The American Dental Association has a [great toolkit](#) on employer responsibilities when it comes to exposure incident events.

July Featured Resource: Nebraska DHHS Health Alert Network

Similar to the CDC, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has a [Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#) that relays critical health information that is relevant to our state. You can [subscribe here](#) to receive HAN alerts to your email. Even though every HAN posted may not directly relate to your practice, as a healthcare provider, it's important to stay informed of local threats.

Recently, NE DHHS posted a HAN update about the status of West Nile Virus in our jurisdiction. With the wet summer, mosquitoes are abundant and have the potential to cause disease. [This HAN](#) relays safety information and testing and diagnosis algorithms related to West Nile Virus.

ICAP Newsworthy Notes

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

- ICAP and NICN are preparing for the Dental Infection Control Summit in August. We hope you can join us for this full day of infection control education and networking in Lincoln, Nebraska. You can find out more or register through [UNMC College of Dentistry CE](#).
- 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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