

Dental IPC Bites

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Sterilized and Spotless

Sterilization and disinfection is one of the most critical processes in a dental practice.

Use this monthly tip to help improve your practice and keep your patients safe!

The sterilization process is a high risk process because of the sharp instruments that need to be handled. Puncture resistant gloves should be worn in sterilization to prevent exposure incidents for employees. These gloves should not be used in any other area or for patient treatment.

Find out more at:

<https://bit.ly/3yOpF6P>

The Mouthy IP

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<https://bit.ly/ICAPDental>

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Upcoming Events

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 11/09/22

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 11/23/22

Dental Unit Waterlines: Part 2

Last month we talked about testing, another important step in safe waterlines is your maintenance plan. There are many different systems out there to choose from, while they're all different, you should choose one that works for your staff and equipment.

Here are some maintenance tips to keep your water safe:

- A solid maintenance plan can help prevent biofilm growth in waterlines
- A chemical disinfectant should be added to the water before it enters the lines in your dental unit to keep bacteria out of the water
- Dental waterlines should be flushed for 2 minutes at the beginning of every day and 20-30 seconds between patients
- Chemical shock treatments should be done regularly, according to manufacturer instructions, to destroy any biofilm that may have formed
- Water bottles should be emptied at the end of every day and water should be purged from the dental lines to prevent stagnation
- Unused waterlines on a unit are a high risk area for biofilm growth, make sure these lines are flushed, shocked and purged with the rest of the lines

Find more information on DUWLs on the [Nebraska ICAP Dental Resource Page](#).

Nebraska ICAP Supports Dental Clinics with Infection Control

Nebraska ICAP offers dental clinics many infection prevention and control (IPC) support services to build their IPC programs.

- Staff education: Nebraska ICAP offers education by experienced infection preventionists to keep your staff up to date on the latest IPC guidelines and recommendations. Visit the [Ne ICAP Project Firstline Website](#) to learn more.
- Infection Control Review: Ne ICAP provides a free, comprehensive review of your infection control program. To find out more or to schedule this review for your clinic, call us at 402.552.2881.
- Mentorship: Do you have a staff member that is passionate about infection control and wanting to take it to the next level? We have a Dental IC Mentorship program that is just for them! Call us for more information.
- Questions: Ne ICAP is available for infection control technical assistance during normal business hours. Call us to be connected to an experienced Infection Preventionist that can help answer your questions!



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