

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!

Inspection of instruments after cleaning is an important step that shouldn't be skipped.

Sterilization cycles will not destroy spores under any bioburden or materials left on instruments. The high heat can also bake on materials, making them harder to remove and possibly damage instruments.

Find out more at:

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

The Mouthy IP

The Mouthy IP is a podcast that is focused on dental infection best practice. Find out more on Twitter at @Mouthy_IP or on our website at:

<https://bit.ly/ICAPDental>

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Upcoming Events

[NICN Primary IPC Course](#) | 09/28-29/22

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 10/12/22

[Nebraska DHA Fall Session](#) | 10/21/22

[Ne ICAP Acute/ Outpatient Webinar](#) | 10/26/22

[APIC CDS Conference \(Boston\)](#) | 11/10-11/22

Dental Unit Waterlines: What is your plan?

Dental Unit Waterlines (DUWLs) are often a topic of confusion in the dental practice. Waterline testing and maintenance should be regularly monitored. This month testing will be highlighted, tune in next month to learn about maintenance.

Here are some testing tips to keep your water safe:

- A test is considered passing if it is below 500 Colony Forming Units (CFUs)
- Record and trend test results and treat/ shock waterlines that are above 200 CFUs to prevent failed tests before a test fails
- Test any new waterline or waterline that has been recently shocked, if the test passes, test again in 30 days to confirm passing rates
- After the 30 day confirmation test, test all waterlines quarterly or every 90 days
- You can pool samples from the same operatory, but make sure you include water from every source in that operatory
- In office and mail-in lab tests are available, if using an in office test, ensure staff are trained to interpret results

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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