

Clean Up Your Act

DEBUNKING MYTH AND EMBRACING REALITY IN INFECTION PREVENTION

Not following infection control protocols can produce significant consequences for a dental practice.



By neglecting to adhere to regulations, patient health is in jeopardy and costly fines could be imposed on the practice. Failure to comply can even lead to the closure of the facility. To stay ahead of ever-evolving pathogens, dental teams must remain up to date with infection control protocols.

This course provides a review of current infection prevention guidelines to reduce risks, avoid breaches and foster a culture of safety. Due to highly reported violations, it is particularly important that dental practices receive and act upon recent CDC updates such as those related to COVID-19 for Dental Services.

By the conclusion of this program, participants will be better equipped with the knowledge to safeguard themselves, their patients and their practice from unnecessary risks.

Suggested Audience:

All Dental Professionals

Suggested Format:

Full or Partial Day;
Lecture, Workshop, Keynote



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Explain the importance of infection prevention in oral healthcare
- Identify the governmental and regulatory agencies responsible for providing and enforcing clinical standards/laws
- Explore strategies for constructing a comprehensive infection prevention program built upon CDC and OSHA directives
- Differentiate between universal, standard, and transmission-based precautions
- Describe pathogenic microbes relevant to dentistry including the SARS-CoV-2 virus
- Identify the six links on the chain of infection and explain how CDC-suggested practices prevent the spread of disease
- Learn how to implement the protocols which reduce the risk of illness or injury for dental healthcare professionals
- Outline the design features of personal protective equipment that determine usage in the clinical setting
- Minimize the risk of infections transmitted by improper instrument cleaning procedures and the associated costs
- Recognize CDC dental handpiece sterilization guidelines
- Examine techniques that lessen the risk of cross-contamination between dental professionals and patients through aerosol management