



Association for Dental Safety
Annual Conference
formerly known as OSAP

2025 ADS Annual Conference

Wednesday, May 28

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Welcome & Overview

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Thrive in Dentistry - Mental Health & Wellness

Pre-Conference Workshop

Erinne Kennedy

Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Integrated Learning, Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine

The goal of the session is to introduce burnout, resilience and wellness measures in dentistry. Researchers have studied burnout among dental professionals throughout their careers from students to seasoned dentists. Dentistry is an inherently stressful practice and additional responsibilities outside of patient care can lead to more stress. Participants will learn about the key dimensions of burnout. They will also self-assess using a burnout inventory tool, strategize how to use inventories to create change in their communities, or brainstorm ways to change institutional environments to reduce stress. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Identify indicators for burnout and learn evidence-based strategies for building resilience. Describe how clinicians ...

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Break with Exhibitors

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Clear Minds, Strong Voices: Mastering Communication Under Stress

Pre-Conference Workshop

Mary Govoni

CEO/Consultant/Lecturer, Mary Govoni & Associates

In high-pressure situations, the ability to communicate clearly and confidently can make all the difference. This course equips participants with the skills to remain composed, think critically, and express themselves effectively, even under stress. Through interactive exercises, real-world scenarios, and practical strategies, participants will develop techniques to manage emotions, structure their messaging, and engage in productive conversations during crises, conflicts, or high-stakes discussions. By the end of this course, participants will be able to navigate difficult conversations with confidence, ensuring their voices are heard and their messages resonate—no matter the circumstances. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Identify behavioral styles that affect communication skills. Discuss the impact ...

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Lunch with Exhibitors

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Managing Workplace Violence Risks - Strategies for Prevention and OSHA Compliance

Pre-Conference Workshop

Amy Wilson

Compliance Assistance Specialist, Orlando Area Office

Workplace violence is any act or threat of physical violence, harassment, intimidation, or other threatening disruptive behavior that occurs at the work site. It ranges from threats and verbal abuse to physical assaults and even homicide. It can affect and involve employees, clients, customers, and visitors. The risks are notably higher in the healthcare and social services industries. Specifically, medical and dental providers are five times more likely to experience WPV than all other industries. As part of OSHA's mission to protect workers, the Agency initiates enforcement activities by investigating worker complaints and incidents involving WPV. Additionally, OSHA uses industry ...

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Workplace Violence Prevention–Train the Trainer

Workplace Violence Prevention–Train the Trainer

Pre-Conference Workshop

Leslie Canham

CEO, Leslie Canham & Associates, LLC

This is a STEP- BY- STEP Train the Trainer course that helps safety coordinators, dentists, consultants, and employers conduct Workplace Violence Prevention Training. OSHA defines Workplace Violence as “any act or threat of physical violence, harassment, intimidation, or other threatening disruptive behavior that occurs at the work site. It ranges from threats and verbal abuse to physical assaults and even homicide.” According to CDC, Workplace Violence can happen to any type of worker in any work setting and cause long-term effects, both physical and psychological. In recent years, multiple incidents of Workplace Violence including homicide have occurred in dental settings ...

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Moments Matter: Implementing the Avoid, Deny, Defend Model

Pre-Conference Workshop

David Lash

Chief of Police, Northern York County Regional Police Department

In today's landscape, emergency preparedness is essential for dental healthcare personnel. This course equips participants with the critical knowledge, practical skills, and confidence to respond effectively to high-risk situations, including active shooter incidents. Utilizing the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) model, attendees will explore the specific risks and challenges posed by such events in dental settings. The training focuses on proactive safety measures, threat response strategies, and effective coordination with emergency personnel. Additionally, participants will learn essential post-incident recovery techniques to support staff, patients, and practice continuity.**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**Identify the defining characteristics of an active shooter incident and the unique risks within ...

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New Member & First-Timers Orientation

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Julie Lynch

Director, Institute for Quality Improvement, Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care

Ramneek Rai

Director of Health and Safety, HS Clinical Assistant Professor, UCSF School of Dentistry

Are you new to ADS or attending our conference for the first time? Join us Thursday from 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM for an orientation session. Get a quick overview of the conference agenda, learn about member benefits, and meet experienced attendees who can offer guidance. It's the perfect opportunity to kickstart your conference experience and connect with fellow members. We're eager to welcome you and help you maximize your time!

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Consultant Forum: Flossophy in Action: Speaking and Consulting with a Smile

Annual Conference

Karen Daw

KDC

Mary Govoni

CEO/Consultant/Lecturer, Mary Govoni & Associates

Are you a dental consultant or speaker looking to kick things up a notch? Or maybe you're just getting started and want to dodge common pitfalls? Join Mary Govoni and Karen Daw, two seasoned and hilariously candid consultants with wildly different journeys, for a dynamic session packed with honest advice, practical tips, and group problem-solving. This course begins with a rapid-fire presentation highlighting the most common (and avoidable!) mistakes consultants and speakers make when growing their business in the ever-changing dental landscape. We'll tackle hot topics like how to stand out to event planners, and what you need to know ...

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Corporate Forum

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Dental Assistants and Infection Control Coordinator Forum

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Amanda Hill

Consultant/Lecturer, Amanda Hill RDH

Jen Hawley Price

Chief Partnership & Engagement Officer, DANB and the DALE Foundation

This interactive forum is designed to empower dental assistants and infection control coordinators to improve infection control within dental practices. The session will cover infection control hot topics, engage in best practices, and discuss emerging trends focused on ensuring the safety of both patients and dental team members. The forum aims to enhance practical skills while fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing among dental professionals. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Identify tools that assist with understanding and applying current infection control guidelines Recognize and prevent common sterilization failures and develop strategies to minimize risk Describe strategies for engaging dental team members in effective infection control education ...

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DSO Forum: Beyond the Breach: Strategies for Managing and Preventing Dental Infection Control Failures

Annual Conference

Shari Landes

Senior Manager, Safety and Infection Prevention

Olivia Wann

Compliance Consultant / Lawyer, Modern Practice Solutions, LLC

This presentation explores the critical importance of infection control in dental practices, focusing on the potential risk and consequences of breaches. Attendees will learn practical strategies for identifying, addressing, and preventing infection control failures, while gaining insight into how to engage with regulatory bodies and build a culture of ongoing education and compliance. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Identify Risk and Consequences: Understand the potential health, legal, and reputational impacts of infection control breaches on patients and the practice. Implement Effective Strategies: Develop and reinforce infection control protocols and procedures to improve safety standards within their practice or organizations. Respond to Breaches: Learn how to effectively ...

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Educators Forum: Patient Safety Curriculum and CODA Standard 5

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Eve Cuny

Executive Associate Dean, University of the Pacific

Ramneek Rai

Director of Health and Safety, HS Clinical Assistant Professor, UCSF School of Dentistry

The session will highlight tools and resources for a comprehensive Safety and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Curriculum Presenters will also provide tips for preparing CODA Standard 5 self-study The audience will be encouraged to participate by sharing their challenges and approaches to Infection Prevention and Control practices in their respective academic settings **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Identify tools and resources for building a comprehensive Safety and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Curriculum Describe the ways in which these tools and resources can be implemented Evaluate the effectiveness of their respective IPC curriculums Assess readiness for a CODA Standard 5 self-study Target Audience The session will provide information ...

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Welcome Network Dinner

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Prepare to dazzle and dine at our "Denim and Diamonds" Welcome Dinner as we kick off the 2025 ADS Annual Conference in the sunny heart of Orlando, Florida! Embrace the perfect blend of casual sophistication and radiant elegance as you mingle with fellow attendees. Enjoy a delightful dinner, sip on crafted cocktails from the bar, and capture the evening's fun at our interactive photo booth. Unleash your inner star on the karaoke stage and make unforgettable memories filled with laughter and camaraderie. Whether you keep it cool in denim or dazzle in diamonds (or a combination of both!), embrace a ...

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Opening Ceremonies and Awards

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Dr. John S. Zapp Global Lecture: From Rock-Bottom to Significance: A Dentist's Journey

Annual Conference

Brett Kessler
President, ADA

ADA President Dr. Brett Kessler shares his journey of resilience, describing obstacles he overcame along his path to service as a clinician, leadership in organized dentistry, and triumph as an elite athlete. Dr. Kessler will inspire the attendees to take care of themselves in all dimensions of wellness and live with intention to experience their best lives. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Continuous Journey of Fulfillment: Reaching the mountaintop of success is a continuous climb, not a one-and-done endeavor Self-Knowledge and Purpose: Understanding one's "why" is foundational to success and serves as a catalyst for positive change Resilience and Growth from Setbacks: The importance of leveraging setbacks ...

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Communicating With Patients When Things Go Wrong in Dentistry - Practitioners' Role In Building A Culture Of Safety and Transparency

Annual Conference

Thomas Gallagher

Professor, Department of Bioethics and Humanities, University of Washington, University of Washington

Few challenges strike as much fear in a dentist's heart as the need to talk to one of their patients who has been harmed by their dental care. The desire to be open with the patient about what happened can naturally conflict with concern about potential legal and reputational consequences of such discussions. Most dentists have not had formal training in how to navigate the complex decisions about how much information to share and how to respond to the upset emotions that injured patients often experience. These open discussions with patients about dental harm are one important example of the ...

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Poster Presentations

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Update on Emerging and Returning Infectious and Vector Borne Diseases

Annual Conference

David Reznik

Director, Oral Health Center, Grady's Infectious Disease Program, HIV Dental Alliance

Infectious Diseases have led to challenges for the dental team, the most obvious example being SARS-Cov-2 (Covid). It is important that the dental team stay up to date on the latest emerging and reemerging infectious and vector borne diseases. Presently, West Nile Virus, Dengue fever, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Avian Influenza A (H5N1) and Mpox are impacting parts of the US and the globe. The latest clade of Mpox has the ability to be transmitted via droplet. The United States has documented the first case of Avian Influenza transmitted without exposure to dairy cattle or birds. What do we need to ...

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Assessing and Mitigating Risks of Respiratory Infections from Infectious Respiratory Particles in Dental Treatment

Annual Conference

Margaret Scarlett

CEO and President, SCI

Currently, all types of dental treatment are lumped together into one category in ASHRAE's Standard 170 for Health Care facilities. This lecture provides a rationale and evidence for consideration of a risk-based approach to facilities management of dental facilities. In April 2024, a WHO consensus panel agreed on common terminology for airborne transmission of respiratory-acquired infectious diseases. Rather than the dichotomy of "droplets or aerosols" for different size emissions, the term, infectious respiratory particles, or IRPs, is used to describe emissions from infected persons. IRPs may be released from the nose, throat or mouth of infected persons during talking, spitting, ...

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Developing A Culture of Patient Safety in Dentistry and Why It Matters

Annual Conference

Clifford Lisman

State of New Jersey Dental Director, New Jersey Department of Health; Department of Community Affairs

Becky Parnian

New Jersey State Dental Hygienist, New Jersey Department of Health

Patient safety is of paramount importance in dental practice. Too often dental healthcare providers are unaware of risks that can impact the well-being, safety, and lives of patients. Dentistry is approximately 30 years behind medicine in addressing patient safety that is not necessarily related to sedation and/or general anesthesia. During this seminar various key pillars necessary to create a culture of patient safety will be discussed. These key pillars to create a culture of patient safety include but are not limited to the importance of standard operating procedures, intra and inter office communication, transparency, sharing adverse events, storytelling, risk management, ...

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Going With the Flow: Flow Cytometry and Dental Water Quality

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Clifton Carey

Professor, Assistant Director of Orthodontic Research, University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine

Shannon Mills

Consultant, Shannon E Mills DDS, Oral Healthcare Consulting

Dental unit water line testing for microbial contamination is a major issue in dentistry; several outbreaks have occurred due to the failure of dental offices to effectively test and remediate their dental unit water lines. These outbreaks pose a potentially significant risk to children and immunocompromised patients. Flow Cytometry offers an alternative to culture based methods for counting bacteria that offers a rapid and straightforward solution to enhance health outcomes in dental offices and improve upon current paradigms. Culture based assays, such as R2A, which is the current standard for dental unit waterline testing are inherently limited as only a ...

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Product Discussion (non-CE session) - HuFriedyGroup

Product Discussion (non-CE)

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Product Discussion (non-CE session) - W&H

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Elevating Dental Efficiency: Expert Techniques for Evacuation System Optimization

Annual Conference

India Chance

Certified Compliance Consultant, Learn2Prevent

This course equips attendees with essential knowledge and advanced skills for proficiently maintaining dental unit evacuation lines and optimizing utility room practices. We will explore the intricate dynamics of robust evacuation systems and rigorous hygiene protocols. Participants will delve into scientifically-backed maintenance methodologies and innovative techniques aimed at enhancing system performance and ensuring safety. By the end of this course, attendees will have a detailed and scientifically-grounded framework to substantially improve the operational efficiency of their dental evacuation systems. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Identify the key components and functions of dental evacuation systems and their role in operational efficiency. Demonstrate the application of proper maintenance

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Making the Connection Between Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship in Dentistry

Annual Conference

Marie Fluent

Consultant, Speaker, Educator

Dental infection prevention (IP) has deeper roots and is more well-defined than antibiotic stewardship in the dental setting. Regulatory and public health agencies have provided up-to date IP guidance, recommendations, and standards to assist with policies and programs. Dental antibiotic stewardship (AS) practices however are comparatively newer and less well-defined. Structured AS programs exist for other healthcare settings such as hospitals, critical care, and outpatient settings. However, the dental AS practices are incorporated within the general outpatient core elements. Thus, dental stewardship programs are loosely knit, with minimal guidance and/or state dental board mandates. This session will discuss the relationship ...

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Are Unique Pathogens Emerging and Eradicated Ones Re-emerging in the Dental Practice?

Annual Conference

Sanjay Chand

Director, Infection Prevention and Control, University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry

Infectious diseases in the dental practice may be transmitted via bloodborne pathogens, aerosol or spatter and by direct contact. Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections are bloodborne whereas SARS-CoV2, emerging Fungal and Bacterial infections may be spread by aerosol generating procedures. Over the last decade there has been an onslaught of new and unique infections that may pose a threat to the unassuming dental healthcare provider. These may be resurgent infections such as Tuberculosis or variations of previously identified diseases such as mpox (previously termed Monkeypox) and the multidrug resistant Candida auris to name just a ...

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Reception with Appetizers & Live Fun'draising Auction!

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On Friday at 6:00 PM, join us for a fan favorite to support the ADS Foundation. At the Live Fun'draising Auction, indulge in light appetizers while witnessing the thrill of bidding paddles rising for exclusive items and unforgettable experiences, all generously donated by our community partners. Every bid contributes to vital programs championed by the ADS Foundation, from luxury getaways to unique adventures. Together, let's ignite positive change and ensure every dental visit is a safe visit. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of generosity and philanthropy! Included in full conference registration. Guest tickets may be purchased.

Saturday, May 31

05:30 AM - 07:00 AM

ADS Fun Run 5K

We are thrilled to announce a new addition to our conference agenda — a refreshing Fun Run 5K on the morning of May 31st! Join fellow dental professionals and enthusiasts at 5:30 AM (the run starts at 6:00 AM) for an invigorating start to your day in the beautiful Floridian surroundings. Whether you're a seasoned runner or simply looking to enjoy a leisurely morning jog, this 5K offers a fantastic opportunity to embrace the spirit of community, wellness, and camaraderie among peers. Lace up your sneakers and enjoy the scenic course, perfect for all fitness levels. Let's make this event ...

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ADS Information Desk

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Management of Medical Emergencies in Dental Offices

Annual Conference

Steven Yun

Founder of Premier Dental Sedation Specialist (PDSS), Premier Dental Sedation Specialists

This course will explore the most common medical emergencies experienced in the dental office, including what is probably the most dangerous emergency situation that most offices are unprepared to handle. Responses and best practices to these emergencies will be reviewed. Office readiness protocols and emergency prevention strategies will also be discussed. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Describe the most common medical emergencies experienced in the dental office setting; Demonstrate the standard interventions for these common medical emergencies; Define key components of the medical emergency kit.

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Product Discussion (non-CE session) - Kerr TotalCare | Metrex

Product Discussion (non-CE)

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Product Discussion (non-CE session) - Midmark

Product Discussion (non-CE)

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Product Discussion (non-CE session) - UptimeHealth

Product Discussion (non-CE)

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Ethics in Dentistry

Annual Conference

Olivia Wann

Compliance Consultant / Lawyer, Modern Practice Solutions, LLC

This program focuses on ethical principles and the code of conduct as it relates to dentistry. Avoid an ethical dilemma through advanced preparation. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Review the ethical principles and how it applies to dentistry in today's modern world. Do good: Focus on how we do good for our patients in staying current on our skill set and expertise in promoting safe patient care. Do no harm: Review how compliance with current infection prevention and control guidelines complies with the principle of do no harm.

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Dental Unit Waterlines (DUWL) Management – Leaping Over the Hurdles

Annual Conference

Ramneek Rai

Director of Health and Safety, HS Clinical Assistant Professor, UCSF School of Dentistry

The session will: Highlight the guidance from the CDC, ADS (formerly known as OSAP), and emerging guidance on maintaining dental water quality and routine monitoring. Provide a broad overview of methods available to disinfect and test dental water quality, including DUWL management best practices, including impact of periods of non-use, extended closures. Shine light on the most encountered hurdles to DUWL maintenance and testing, including attitudes, knowledge gaps and practical application in individual, group practice settings and larger institutions. Share ways to enhance staff engagement and compliance with DUWL protocols. Provide information on how to overcome hurdles to instituting DUWL ...

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Train the Trainer Workshop: How to Include Antibiotic Stewardship Into Your Training Today!

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Erinne Kennedy

Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Integrated Learning, Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine

Today, dentists are still the third highest prescribers of antibiotics in the United States, accounting for about 10% of all outpatient prescriptions. They often prescribe antibiotics to treat dental pain and swelling, and to prevent infections. However, some studies suggest that many of these prescriptions are unnecessary. The Association for Dental Safety (ADS) has been tasked by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with advancing the availability of education on dental antibiotic stewardship. One strategy ADS is implementing to achieve this goal is to increase the number of speakers to support local, state and national webinars and ...

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Why Do We Still Have Cases of Non-Tuberculosis Mycobacterium Infection After Dental Procedures in Children? New Cases 2022 to 2024

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Jay Shirley

Director, Oral Health Research and Advocacy, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

This presentation addresses the persistent issue of Non-Tuberculosis Mycobacterium (NTM) infections following dental procedures in children, particularly focusing on new cases reported between 2022 and 2024. NTM infections are rare but serious complications that can arise after dental treatments, leading to significant morbidity. This session aims to explore the underlying causes, recent trends, and gaps in current understanding that contribute to the continued occurrence of these infections. Background: NTM are a group of opportunistic pathogens found in water, soil, and dust. These bacteria are known to cause infections in immunocompromised individuals, but they can also affect healthy children following invasive dental ...

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Safety in Private Practice: Easy to Implement Solutions for Private Practitioners

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Joseph Castellano

Pediatric Dentist and Chair of the Safety and Quality Improvement Committee, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry/Castellano & Carpenter Dental Associates

Private practitioners – especially practice owners – are juggling countless responsibilities and too often safety falls by the wayside. To support pediatric dental practices, the Safety & Quality Improvement Committee of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) formed a Private Practice Workgroup charged with identifying, packaging, and promoting the most essential resources for ensuring a safe environment for the dental team and patients and families. The Private Practice Workgroup used a Delphi process to prioritize topics for inclusion, then performed a landscape review of existing resources on these topics, and finally selected the most applicable and useful tools to ...

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Chemical Hazards in 3D Printing - What Dental Pros Need to Know!

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Gary Morgan

Vice President and Senior Compliance Advisor

Kellie Thimmes

Compliance Advisor, SafeLink Consulting, Inc

As more dental practices and labs adopt 3D printing technology, they often overlook the chemical hazards that come with it. This presentation will highlight the risks associated with the use of isopropyl alcohol, resin, and other hazardous materials commonly used in 3D printing processes. Attendees will learn about the importance of proper storage, handling, and disposal of these chemicals to ensure a safe working environment. Additionally, the session will cover essential ventilation practices to prevent exposure to harmful fumes and ensure compliance with safety regulations. Equip your practice with the knowledge to safely integrate 3D printing technology while protecting the ...

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Sterilize Like a Pro: Insider Tips for Proper Instruments Reprocessing

Annual Conference

Michelle Strange

Owner, Level Up Infection Prevention, LLC

Sarah Stream

Dental Infection Control Specialist, Stream Education and Consulting

Sterilization is a complex process that requires in depth knowledge of the process, potential work practice errors and quality assurance monitoring. Join us to discuss dental instrument processing, potential legacy errors, proper sterilizer cycle type and drying practices, quality assurance monitoring and validation testing to enhance your knowledge of this critical process. We will provide practical insights to make your sterilization practice the most successful!LEARNING OBJECTIVES:Explain dental instrument processing, including work practice controls, proper cycle selection and drying and common legacy errors.Discuss instrument traceability, sterilization monitoring and validation testing to create a comprehensive quality assurance program.Identify relevant resources for dental ...

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ADS Going Global - Let's Make The Safest Dental Visit Happen Everywhere!

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Enrique Acosta Gio

Professor, National University of Mexico

Liliana Donatelli

consultant, GerAção Biossegurança

One of ADS's key objectives is to equip dental professionals with the knowledge needed to understand and implement all protocols for ensuring "The Safest Dental Visit." This session will address the primary challenges faced by developing countries, such as Brazil and Mexico, in adhering to best practices in dental infection control, including financial constraints. Specific challenges include: Language barriers that limit access to updated information primarily available in English. A lack of publications in Spanish and Portuguese on dental infection control. Limited attendance at ADS events due to unfamiliarity, language issues, or financial constraints related to travel or online event registration. Proposed Action Plan to ...

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