

Title: INFECTION CONTROL IN DENTAL OFFICES FOR 2019

Abstract: Across Canada, dentists are hearing about and being affected by changes to a modern, medical model for infection control. Even the name for infection control is converting to the currently most used abbreviation, IPAC (infection prevention and control). This lecture will review updates including expectations for hand hygiene, personal protective equipment, dental unit waterline quality, and the cultural change that dental offices are experiencing using Codes or Standards for their medical device reprocessing.

OBJECTIVES

This lecture has been designed to assist the attendee to:

1. Update infection control practices and office IPAC manuals in their own dental offices.
2. Discuss the rationale for the use of Standards for medical device reprocessing (MDR).
3. Update MDR procedures in their own dental offices.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Nita Mazurat, (Associate Professor University of Manitoba, College of Dentistry, ret. January 2019) has been a pioneer in organized infection control for oral healthcare. Dr Mazurat chaired and organized the 2010 Canadian Dental Association Teaching Conference, the only time that Infection Control Coordinators from the ten Canadian Faculties of Dentistry have met. She is the first dentist and until 2018, the only dentist in Canada to be part of the Technical Committee for Sterilization with the Canadian Standards Association and will be part of the committee that develops the new Standard for MDR practices in Community based (vs hospital based) healthcare settings. Dr Mazurat plays an active role with the Organization for Safety, Asepsis, and Prevention (OSAP), the infection prevention and control organization established entirely for oral healthcare both as the Canadian Editor for the quarterly bulletin, ICIP, and as a member of the Annual Conference Committee.

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