



# PREPARE PREVENT PROTECT

## INFECTION CONTROL FOR DENTAL TEAMS



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## **FREE Guide:** **3 Tips For** **Team Success**

A trusted, compliant, and efficient dental practice is built on a strong infection prevention and control (IPAC) foundation. Every team member—from new hires to seasoned staff—plays a vital role in maintaining a safe environment.

This FREE guide provides 3 key pillars to strengthen your team's infection control approach, ensuring compliance, improving patient safety, and boosting your practice's reputation.

# DAILY CHAIR SIDE INFECTION CONTROL CHECKLIST



**Consistency is key in infection prevention.  
Use this daily checklist to ensure your team  
follows best practices.**

## **Before the Patient Arrives:**

- ☐ Perform hand hygiene before setting up the operatory.
- ☐ Ensure PPE (gloves, masks, eye protection, gowns) is available.
- ☐ Disinfect all surfaces (e.g., chairs, counters, trays) with an approved disinfectant.
- ☐ Set up sterilized instruments, with their packaging still intact, and confirm expiry dates.

## **During the Procedure:**

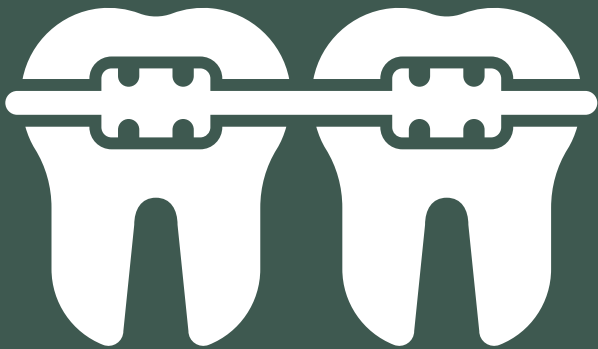
- ☐ Perform hand hygiene before donning PPE and assisting the patient.
- ☐ Perform a point-of-care risk assessment to determine what PPE is required for the task.
- ☐ Dispose of sharps immediately in a designated sharps container.
- ☐ Perform hand hygiene when moving between different tasks.

## **After the Appointment:**

- ☐ Remove PPE and perform hand hygiene before cleaning and disinfection.
- ☐ Replace barriers on all hard-to-clean surfaces (e.g., keyboards and handpieces).
- ☐ Disinfect all patient-contact surfaces.
- ☐ Place used instruments in a covered transport container for reprocessing.



# EMERGENCY IPAC RESPONSE GUIDE



## Be prepared for unexpected infection control breaches with this quick response plan:

### 1. Sterilization Failure:

- ☐ Immediately quarantine affected instruments and do not use them.
- ☐ Quarantine the affected sterilizer.
- ☐ Notify staff and reschedule patients if necessary.
- ☐ Document findings and corrective actions.
- ☐ Contact the local regulatory authority for further instructions, if required.

### 2. Needlestick or Sharps Injury:

- ☐ Perform immediate first aid: wash with soap and water, apply antiseptic, and cover the wound.
- ☐ Report to the designated health and safety representative, and complete an incident form.
- ☐ Seek medical assessment and follow-up for possible post-exposure prophylaxis.

### 3. Blood or Body Fluid Exposure:

- ☐ Remove contaminated clothing or PPE.
- ☐ Wash exposed skin thoroughly; for eye/mouth exposure, flush with water for at least 15 minutes.
- ☐ Notify the health and safety representative and complete documentation.
- ☐ Determine if follow-up medical care is required.

# INFECTION CONTROL RISK ASSESSMENT



## How well does your practice control infection risks? Use this quick assessment

### Hand Hygiene:

Are team members performing hand hygiene at the right moments? (e.g., before/after patient care, before donning PPE, after doffing PPE, etc.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

### PPE Use:

Are PPE (e.g., masks, gloves, gowns, and eyewear) being used and changed appropriately?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Instrument Reprocessing:

Are sterilized instruments stored correctly in a clean area? Are complete sterilization logs maintained?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Surface Disinfection:

Are patient-contact areas properly disinfected between patients? Is the contact time of the disinfectant being followed?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Sharps Disposal:

Are sharps containers used correctly and not overfilled? Are sharps disposed of at the point of use?

☐ Yes ☐ No

***If you answered "no" to any of these, it's time to reinforce best practices in your team!***

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