
SELF-AUDIT CHECKLIST FOR INFECTION CONTROL

Dental Infection Control Program Administration

- Y N Are “standard precautions” followed for all patients?
- Y N Is there a written infection control program?
- Y N Does the office have an IC and OSHA coordinator assigned?
- Y N Have all personnel received training regarding infectious agents?
- Y N Does the office routinely evaluate the office infection control program?

Preventing Transmission of Bloodborne Pathogens

- Y N Is the HBV vaccination offered and records kept?
- Y N Are sharps containers and needle recapping devices available?
- Y N Is there a “needle stick” protocol and post-exposure program?

Hand Hygiene

- Y N Do clinic personnel perform hand hygiene before and after treating patients?
- Y N Are alcohol hand rubs available?
- Y N Are products available for hand hygiene manufactured for health care providers?
- Y N Are appropriate hand lotions available to prevent skin disorders?

Contact Dermatitis and Latex Sensitivity

- Y N Are latex-free items available for patients and clinic personnel?
- Y N Are clinic personnel made aware of latex sensitivity and consequences?

Personal Protective Equipment

- Y N Do clinic personnel wear appropriate eye protection?
- Y N Do clinic personnel change masks between patients?
- Y N Do clinic personnel wear protective clothing and change when necessary?
- Y N Is protective clothing removed before leaving office?
- Y N Are gloves appropriate to treatment available in sizes required?
- Y N Are gloves changed between patients?

Sterilization and Disinfection of Patient-Care Items

- Y N Is there a central instrument processing area available for the office?
- Y N Are the manufacturer’s guidelines followed for sterilizer maintenance?
- Y N Have clinical personnel received training on how to use the equipment?
- Y N Are visible blood and debris removed from instruments prior to sterilization?
- Y N If hand scrubbing is performed, is a long-handled brush utilized and utility gloves worn?
- Y N If instrument cleaning via ultrasonic is performed, are proper enzymatic cleaners used?
- Y N Are heavy-duty utility gloves provided for instrument cleaning?
- Y N Are instruments wrapped appropriately before sterilization?
- Y N Is sterilization equipment properly monitored and records maintained?
- Y N Are all wrapped instrument packages inspected to ensure they are intact?
- Y N Are all implantable devices sterilized before use?

Environmental Infection Control

- Y N Are clinical contact surfaces disinfected or barrier protected for each patient?
- Y N Are surface barriers changed between patients?
- Y N Are appropriate products utilized for cleaning and disinfecting clinical contact areas?

Y N Do clinic personnel use PPE when cleaning environmental surfaces?

Y N Are housekeeping surfaces cleaned on a routine basis?

Dental Unit Waterlines

Y N Does the dental unit water meet EPA regulatory standards for drinking water?

Y N Have the manufacturers' recommended guidelines been followed?

Y N Is the water flushed (handpieces, ultrasonic scalers, and air/water syringes) for 20-30 seconds after each patient?

Dental Handpieces

Y N Are handpieces cleaned, disinfected, lubricated, and sterilized between patients?

Parenteral Medications

Y N Are single-dose medications and devices used for one patient only and disposed of appropriately?

Oral Surgical Procedures

Y N Do clinical personnel wear sterile surgeon's gloves and use sterile irrigation?

Y N Is sterile water (or saline) used for invasive procedures?

Y N Are biopsy specimens placed in a sturdy, leakproof container with proper labels?

Y N Are extracted teeth disposed of as a regulated medical waste or returned to the patient?

Dental Laboratory

Y N Are clinical personnel using PPE when handling items received in the laboratory?

Y N Are impressions disinfected prior to being transported to the lab and communicated as such?

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