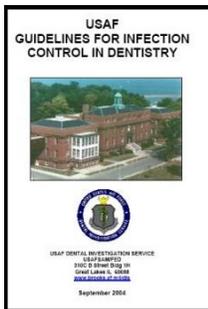


INFECTION CONTROL INFORMATION

September 2004



USAF Guidelines for Infection Control in Dentistry (September 2004)

Updated USAF dental infection guidelines are available on the Dental Investigation Service (DIS) Web site. The *USAF Guidelines for Infection Control in Dentistry* (September 2004) supersede the *Year 2000 USAF Dental Infection Control Guidelines*. Also, all infection-control related materials (e.g., frequently asked questions, *InControl* fact sheets, and continuing education presentations) on the DIS Web site have been reviewed and updated. Please visit www.brooks.af.mil/dis/infcontrol.htm to download a copy of the revised guidelines.

DENTAL INFECTION CONTROL SAFETY COURSE

The next co-sponsored Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures (OSAP)/Federal Services Dental Infection Control course is scheduled for Monday, 24 January—Thursday, 27 January 2005 in Atlanta, Ga. We will be covering a broad range of topics and have guest speakers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, dental schools, and the Federal Services again this year. As in previous years, OSAP will handle registration issues. There will be a limited number of USAF command sponsored quotas that will be assigned by the MAJCOMS. Registration information can be found by visiting www.osap.org. For additional information, the USAF DIS point of contact is Lt Col Jennifer Harte at DSN 792-7668, commercial (847) 688-7668, or jaharte@nidbr.med.navy.mil.

PRODUCT EVALUATIONS

The following product evaluations have been recently posted on the DIS Web site (www.brooks.af.mil/dis/productevaluations.htm):

- The Synopsis of Dental Unit Waterline Treatment Products and Devices (6/04) has been updated.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Detergent Recommendation for a Castle Pass-Through Washer-Disinfector (9/04)

Question: What detergent do you recommend for use in a Castle pass-through washer-disinfector?

Answer: There is no single "right" answer regarding what detergent to use as there are many options available, but here is a good place to start (these are all Castle brand detergents):

Renuzyme WR in the prewash cycle
Neutrawash in the wash cycle
Instrument Lubricant in the final purified rinse cycle

Note: This combination should do the trick, but if you have considerable blood/protein soils on your instruments and the above combination is not removing it all, you could try replacing the Neutrawash with Castle's Tec Wash III detergent. Tec Wash III is more alkaline than the Neutrawash.

Large pass-through washers have the capability to utilize a purified water final rinse. While not "mandatory," it is best to use deionized (DI) or reverse osmosis (RO) water in this purified rinse cycle along with instrument lubricant. DI water is probably the best choice if your only need for purified water is the washer, but RO water has the advantage that it can be used as a final rinse in the washer and RO water can also be used in dental unit water bottles. (Neither method provides sterile water, but RO water is better at removing bacteria than DI. Note that you would still need a water line treatment chemical if you use RO water as your source water for dental unit water bottles.) Culligan and other water treatment companies can provide deionizers and reverse osmosis units.