COMPLIANCE TRAINING PARTNERS®

DETAILED INFECTION CONTROL CHECKLIST

FOR DENTAL FACILITIES

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		TRAINING
☐	☐	Is training conducted at least annually for all employees and as part of the onboarding process for new employees?
☐	☐	Has someone in the office been designated to be in charge of infection control?
		PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
		Masks, Protective Eyewear and Face Shields
☐	☐	Do employees wear surgical masks during procedures likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood or saliva?
☐	☐	Do employees wear eye protection with solid side shields or a face shield during procedures that are likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood or saliva or other OPIM?
☐	☐	Do employees change masks between patients and during patient treatment if the mask becomes wet or visibly contaminated?
☐	☐	Is PPE removed before leaving the work area?
☐	☐	Is hand hygiene performed immediately after removal of PPE?
		Gloves
☐	☐	Do employees wear gloves for potential contact with blood, body fluids, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, or contaminated equipment?
☐	☐	Do employees change gloves between patients?
☐	☐	Do employees wear puncture and chemical-resistant utility gloves when cleaning instruments and performing housekeeping tasks involving blood or OPIM (other potentially infectious materials)?
☐	☐	Do employees remove gloves that are torn, cut, or punctured and perform hand hygiene before putting on new gloves?
		Protective Clothing
☐	☐	Do employees wear protective clothing (e.g., reusable or disposable gown, lab coat, or uniform) that is long-sleeved and covers personal clothing as well as skin (e.g., forearms) likely to be soiled with blood, saliva, or OPIM?
☐	☐	Do employees change protective clothing if visibly soiled and immediately or as soon as possible if penetrated by blood or OPIM?
☐	☐	Is protective clothing laundered in-house or by a laundering service?
		RESPIRATORY HYGIENE/COUGH ETIQUETTE
☐	☐	Are signs posted at entrances and throughout the facility with instructions to patients with symptoms of respiratory infection?
☐	☐	Are tissue and no-touch receptacles for disposal of tissue available?
☐	☐	Are resources available to perform hand hygiene in waiting areas?

- ☐☐ Are face masks available for coughing patients and other symptomatic individuals who enter the office?
- ☐☐ Are all employees provided annual education on recognition of signs, symptoms and transmission of TB?
- ☐☐ Is a written TB infection control plan available to all employees?
- ☐☐ Has baseline TB testing (TST) been performed on all employees?

HAND HYGIENE

- ☐☐ Is hand hygiene performed when hands are visibly soiled; before and after each patient; before and after gloving; and whenever touching contaminated surfaces?
- ☐☐ Is a surgical scrub performed before putting on sterile surgical gloves, which must be used in all surgical procedures (e.g., biopsy, periodontal surgery, apical surgery, implant surgery, and surgical extractions)?

SHARPS SAFETY

- ☐☐ Are engineering controls (devices) used to prevent injuries (e.g., needle re-capping device, scalpel blade remover)?
- ☐☐ Are work practice controls (behaviors) used to prevent injuries (e.g., one-handed scoop technique, not breaking or bending needles)?
- ☐☐ Do employees use either one-handed scoop technique or a mechanical device designed for holding the needle cap when re-capping needles?
- ☐☐ Are sharps disposed of in a puncture-resistant sharps container located in the same area in which items are generated?
- ☐☐ Are reusable contaminated sharps transported in a closed leak-proof container labeled with the universal biohazard symbol (sharps caddy)?

SAFE INJECTION PRACTICES

- ☐☐ Are injections prepared using an aseptic technique, in a clean area free from contaminants or contact with blood, body fluids, or contaminated equipment?
- ☐☐ Are needles and syringes used for only one patient?
- ☐☐ Is the dental cartridge syringe appropriately cleaned and heat sterilized before use on another patient?
- ☐☐ Is the rubber septum on a medication vial disinfected with alcohol before piercing?
- ☐☐ Do medication containers utilize a new sterile needle for every use?
- ☐☐ Are vials, medication containers, ampules, and bags or bottles of intravenous solutions used for only one patient?
- ☐☐ Leftover contents of IV solution containers, vials, ampules, and bags of intravenous solutions are not combined for later use.

When using multi-dose medication vials:

- ☐☐ Are multi-dose vials dedicated to individual patients whenever possible?
- ☐☐ Are multi-dose vials which are used for more than one patient kept in a centralized medication area?
- ☐☐ Are multi-dose vials dated when first opened and discarded within 28 days unless the manufacturer specifies a shorter or longer date for the opened vial?
- ☐☐ Are fluid infusion and administration sets (i.e., IV bags, tubing and connections) used for one patient only?

INSTRUMENT STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION OF PATIENT-CARE ITEMS

- ☐☐ Is the instrument processing area separated into 4 sections: A) Receiving, cleaning and decontamination, B) Preparation/packaging, C) Sterilization, and D) Storage?
- ☐☐ Are all instruments cleaned and disinfected following the IFUs?
- ☐☐ Are reusable critical and semi-critical dental items and devices cleaned and heat sterilized according to the manufacturer's instructions for use before using on patients (e.g. endodontic instruments, air-water syringe tips)?
- ☐☐ Are high speed handpieces, low speed motors and handpiece components sterilized between patients?
- ☐☐ Are heat tolerant semi-critical instruments sterilized using an autoclave rather than a chemical sterilant/disinfectant?
- ☐☐ Are single-use devices discarded after one use and never used for more than one patient?
- ☐☐ Are work practice controls that minimize contact with sharp instruments used and appropriate PPE worn if manual cleaning is necessary (e.g., puncture resistant utility gloves)?
- ☐☐ Are items thoroughly cleaned and visually inspected for residual contamination before sterilization?
- ☐☐ Is an enzymatic cleaner or detergent used for pre-cleaning and discarded according to the manufacturer's instructions for use?
- ☐☐ Are instruments appropriately packaged for sterilization after pre-cleaning?
  Is a chemical indicator used internally and externally on all sterilization packaging?
- ☐☐ Are FDA-cleared medical devices designed for sterilization (e.g.autoclaves) used according to the manufacturer's instructions for use?
- ☐☐ Is a biological indicator (spore test) used at least weekly on all sterilizers?
- ☐☐ Is a biological indicator (spore test) used with every load containing implantable devices?
- ☐☐ Are sterile packages labeled with the sterilizer used and the date of sterilization?
- ☐☐ Are weekly spore test records maintained for at least 5 years?
- ☐☐ Are sterile packages inspected for integrity and are compromised packages reprocessed before use?
- ☐☐ After sterilization, are dental devices and instruments stored in such a manner that sterility is not compromised?

- ☐ ☐ Are reusable, heat-sensitive, semi-critical items that cannot be replaced by heat-stable or disposable high-level disinfectants according to the manufacturer's instructions for use?
- ☐ ☐ Are X-ray sensors cleaned and disinfected between patients with an EPA-registered intermediate-level disinfectant, then covered with an FDA-approved barrier cover?
- ☐ ☐ Are X-ray sensors or film holding or positioning devices heat sterilized or high-level disinfected between patients?
- ☐ ☐ If you have a class B (vacuum) autoclave, are you performing a Bowie Dick test daily?

ENVIRONMENTAL INFECTION CONTROL

- ☐ ☐ Are clinical contact surfaces either barrier-covered or cleaned and disinfected after each patient, using an EPA-registered intermediate-level disinfectant?
- ☐ ☐ Are burs, polishing points, rag wheels, etc., sterilized or disinfected between patients following their IFUs, or disposable replacements used?
- ☐ ☐ Are cleaners and disinfectants used according to the manufacturer's instructions for use?
- ☐ ☐ Are suction lines cleaned daily according to the manufacturer's IFUs?
- ☐ ☐ Are traps changed and inspected on a regular basis?
- ☐ ☐ Are amalgam separators replaced and sent to an EPA recycling facility?

HOUSEKEEPING SURFACES

- ☐ ☐ Are walls, sinks, and floors routinely cleaned with detergent and water or an EPA-registered disinfectant/detergent?
- ☐ ☐ Are mops and rags cleaned after use and allowed to dry?
- ☐ ☐ Are fresh cleaning and disinfecting solutions prepared daily?

DENTAL UNIT WATER QUALITY

- ☐ ☐ Are dental unit waterline treatment products/devices used to ensure that water meets EPA regulatory standards for drinking water (<500 CFU/ml of heterotrophic water bacteria)?
- ☐ ☐ Is sterile saline or sterile water used as a coolant/irrigant when performing surgical procedures?
- ☐ ☐ Is the dental unit water tested quarterly to ensure that it is below the 500 CFU level?
- ☐ ☐ Is documentation of this testing kept for at least 5 years?

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- ☐ ☐ Is regulated medical waste handled and disposed of according to local, state and federal regulations?

INFECTION CONTROL IN THE LABORATORYT

- ☐ ☐ Is PPE used when handling items in the dental laboratory?
- ☐ ☐ Are contaminated items (e.g., bites, impressions, models) disinfected using an EPA-registered intermediate-level disinfectant before manipulating appliances in the laboratory?

☐☐ Are laboratory cases disinfected utilizing an EPA-registered intermediate-level disinfectant and labeled as such before being sent out?