Overview

This workbook addresses the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings-2003. The OSAP workbook takes the information in the CDC guideline and help the learner put it into practice in their dental setting. For example, where the CDC guideline tells dental healthcare personnel (DHCP) to clean, then to heat sterilize dental instruments, the OSAP workbook describes how to safely clean and sterilize those instruments. The goals of this workbook are to help DHCP comply with the CDC dental infection control guideline by:

- Providing information about dental infection control principles and practices.
- Emphasizing the importance of written policies and procedures and ongoing education and training of dental health care personnel (DHCP).
- Providing methods for evaluating dental infection control programs.

Learning Objectives

After reading this workbook including taking the “Exercises in Understanding” and “Self-Tests” at the end of each chapter, participants should be able to:

- Describe modes of disease transmission and the chain of infection.
- Identify strategies that can prevent occupational exposures to blood and body fluids.
- Describe methods to ensure that patient care items and environmental surfaces are safe for use.
- Identify methods to monitor practices and evaluate dental infection control programs.