



Kay Carl received her nursing diploma from Madison General Hospital School of Nursing in Wisconsin and her Bachelor of Science in Health Services from Northern Arizona University. Kay is Board Certified in Infection Control and Epidemiology, which is renewed by examination every five years.

Daughter of a hygienist and married to a dentist, Kay has been an infection control professional for over 35 years. Active in the hospital-focused infection control organization, Association for Practitioners in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), including serving as a national officer for four years, she has used this knowledge to cross over into dental infection control.

The majority of her peers work in hospitals in departments that specifically address Infection Prevention. Specialists in infection control, they are equipped to deal with government standards and guidelines. Dentists are expected to do the same without similar professional support. While managing her husband's practice, Kay developed a model that can be used in dental facilities providing the same standards to their practices in an easy and practical manner.

Working with the Arizona State Dental Association since 1991 to provide education in infectious disease and infection control to its members, she provides their Infection Prevention/OSHA workshops and publishes Infection Prevention Articles with continuing education components. These articles are CERP accredited, available on AzDA's web site (azda.org) and are accessed by dentists coast-to-coast, saving them time away from their practices.

An advocate for the poor and homeless she volunteers by providing the Infection Control and OSHA component for the Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) Dental Clinic serving homeless patients and the Murphy School Campus serving low-income children. This is necessary for accreditation for the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, A.T. Still University, Mesa, Arizona, and the College of Dental Medicine, Midwestern University, Glendale, Arizona, as it is a clinical rotation for the students. Dental hygiene students also rotate into the clinic from community colleges. In addition, there is an on-site dental assisting school. Dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants volunteer at this facility. She is also a volunteer providing the Infection Control and OSHA component for the Arizona Community Dental Clinic, a clinic established to serve the poor and supported by the Arizona Dental Foundation opening soon in Phoenix. Oral Surgery Residents will train at this facility in addition to volunteer dental professionals.

A seasoned writer and speaker, she consults for the Arizona dental community with an emphasis on Best Practices for Infection Prevention, OSHA and Risk Management.