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# Enhancing Dental Infection Control Practices During Flu Season

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Online Webinar  
Zoom

Cost: Free

Kerr provides all course materials.

Flu season is fast approaching. Implementing effective respiratory hygiene, cough etiquette, and appropriate surface disinfection helps create a safer environment for patients and dental providers. This webinar will provide essential strategies for minimizing the risk of airborne pathogen transmission in a dental setting. We will discuss effective hand hygiene, proper personal protective equipment (PPE) use, and best practices for patient interactions and environmental cleaning and disinfection. Emphasizing proactive measures and communication, this course equips dental professionals with the tools to maintain a healthy environment for staff and patients. Stay informed and prepared with practical tips and updates tailored for flu season.

## Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the role of respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette in preventing the spread of infectious diseases in a dental setting.
- Identify proper techniques for hand hygiene, mask usage, and respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes properly.
- Discuss methods to implement procedures for managing and minimizing the risk of airborne transmission during dental treatments.
- Discuss how to effectively communicate and educate patients about respiratory hygiene and etiquette to enhance cooperation and compliance.
- Identify and discuss current office protocols and policies related to infection control and respiratory hygiene to ensure a safer environment.
- Discuss the role that the dental environmental sources play in pathogen transmission.
- Discuss cleaning and disinfection strategies of patient care areas.
- Discuss EPA-registered cleaners and disinfectants.

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Maryanne Ferree, BS, RDH, PHDHP, CDIPC from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is an educator, author, and speaker. Her career as a registered dental hygienist spans over 39 years. She received her certificate in oral hygiene from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 1984. She holds a Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene education, maintains a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner license, and is certified in Dental Infection Control and Prevention. Maryanne serves as Chair of the Infection Control Committee at the University of Pittsburgh, and her articles on infection control appear in RDH Magazine. She has ventured into many facets of dental hygiene, including clinical care, public health, and education. She is currently a clinical faculty member in the Department of Periodontics and Preventive Dentistry at her alma mater. She enjoys teaching the next generations of dental students, focusing her clinical teaching on periodontal instrumentation. Maryanne's clinical research involves the study of implant disease and treatment. She is an active member of The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and the Association for Dental Safety (ADS). She is excited to step into the role of KOL and blogger to share her enthusiasm for infection control in the dental setting, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) compliance training, and periodontal disease therapy. She can be reached at maf150@pitt.edu

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