



## CDC NIOSH Activities to Address Occupational Health and Safety Issues in Dental Settings

This presentation will provide an update on the current research efforts of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in dental settings. Recent NIOSH publications and Health Hazard Evaluations evaluating occupational health and safety issues in dental settings will be reviewed. In addition, future research directions will be discussed, including the NIOSH Strategic Plan, as well as an update on the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA).

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. List the three ways that NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluations can be requested.
2. Describe the study design and findings of NIOSH research studies in dental settings.
3. Identify future NIOSH studies with further implications for dental settings.

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