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August 23, 2017 (ATLANTA) — The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) is continuing its efforts to support Dental Infection Control Awareness Month (DICAM) through OSAP's The Safest Dental Visit™ program. Designed to promote an increased commitment to infection control and safety, DICAM, a month-long awareness campaign during September was developed to increase focus on dental infection control and safety and help clinicians and infection control coordinators discuss this important topic with patients. A wide variety of support materials are available on the OSAP website at osap.org/page/DICAM.

“Dental teams, clinicians, and the infection control coordinator are faced with the challenge and opportunity of addressing new and emerging threats while staying up-to-date on complex policies and guidelines,” says Christina Thomas, Executive Director of OSAP. “We are thrilled to participate, support, and promote DICAM through The Safest Dental Visit™ program. We believe bringing attention to this month will help dental practices educate and train staff, promote a culture of safety and help open a positive dialogue between the patient and dental practice.”

To support participation in Dental Infection Control Awareness Month, OSAP has developed downloadable resources available on the OSAP DICAM portal, including talking points, social media examples, a poster, and a patient brochure. Dental practitioners, including infection control coordinators, the dental trade, educators, consultants, and other interested parties are encouraged to check the website frequently and join OSAP to be kept up-to-date on new resources and educational opportunities as they are made available.

For additional tools, resources, and information on Dental Infection Control Awareness Month please visit

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About OSAP

The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) is the only dental membership association solely focused on infection prevention and patient safety education. Our members include individual clinicians, group practices, educators, researchers, consultants, trainers,

compliance directors, policymakers, and industry representatives who advocate for safe and infection-free delivery of oral healthcare. OSAP focuses on strategies to improve compliance with safe practices and on building a strong network of recognized infection control experts. OSAP offers an extensive online collection of resources, publications, FAQs, checklists, and toolkits that help dental professionals deliver the Safest Dental Visit for their patients. Plus, online and live courses help advance the level of knowledge and skill for every member of the dental team. For additional information, visit osap.org.

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