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May 11, 2021 (ATLANTA) - The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP), the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), and the Dental Advancement through Learning and Education Foundation (DALE Foundation) have published the [OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation Code of Professional Conduct](#) for the Dental Infection Control Education and Certification initiative established by these organizations.

The OSAP, DANB, and DALE Foundation Dental Infection Control Education and Certification initiative includes an educational certificate program and two professional certifications:

- [OSAP-DALE Foundation Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate Program TM](#)
- [OSAP-DANB Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control TM \(CDIPC TM\)](#)
- [OSAP-DANB Dental Industry Specialist in Infection Prevention and Control TM \(DISIPC](#)

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- And ongoing development of new continuing education modules
- [COVID-19 Respiratory Droplet and Aerosol Protection](#)
- [General Aspects of Instrument Processing](#)
- [Understanding CDC's Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings](#)

The OSAP-DALE Foundation Certificate Program launched in March 2020, and OSAP and DANB will begin pre-testing qualified CDIPC and DISIPC exam candidates in summer 2021.

“The OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation Code of Professional Conduct is an essential element of our joint education and certification initiative, developed to promote quality and ethical practice and advance safety in the workplace,” explained DANB and DALE Foundation Executive Director, Cynthia C. Durley, M.Ed., MBA.

Additionally, because the OSAP-DANB CDIPC and DISIPC Certifications Programs offer the first infection control certifications for the dental industry and professions, the OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation Code of Professional Conduct serves to unify and elevate the healthcare professionals who will earn these professional distinctions.

“The dental infection control professional is a critical occupation that has gained prominence, particularly in light of COVID-19 precautions. This Code of Professional Conduct not only distinguishes this career path, but also outlines the ethical expectations of those who perform this work that is so essential to patient and provider safety,” stated OSAP Executive Director Michelle Lee, CPC.

All individuals who participate in OSAP-DALE Foundation education or pursue OSAP-DANB certifications must abide by this Code of Professional Conduct and are expected to maintain high standards of ethics and excellence in all areas of professional endeavor.

To learn more, download the [OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation Code of Professional Conduct](#) .

For more details about the OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation Dental Infection Control Education and Certification initiative, visit dentalinfectioncontrol.org .

About OSAP

The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) is the only nonprofit membership association for oral healthcare professionals that focuses exclusively on infection prevention and patient and provider safety. OSAP’s mission is to be the leading provider of infection prevention and control education, training, and credentialing that supports safe dental visits.

About DANB

The Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) is recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA) as the national certification board for dental assistants. DANB's mission is to promote the public good by providing credentialing services to the dental community.

About the DALE Foundation

The Dental Advancement through Learning and Education Foundation (the DALE Foundation) is the official DANB affiliate. The DALE Foundation's mission is to benefit the public by providing quality education and conducting sound research to promote oral health. The DALE Foundation is a nonprofit organization and was founded by DANB in 2010.

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