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**OSAP and APIC Partner on an IPC Collaboration Webinar Series**

October 19, 2023 (ATLANTA) — The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) announces its partnership with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) for a four-part virtual education series in 2024 highlighting the relationship between infection preventionists and the dental field. Participants will learn to identify areas of potential collaboration between Infection Prevention and Dental Services, including construction and renovation, high-level disinfection and sterilization, water management, regulatory requirement strategies, and much more.

**2024 IPC Collaboration Series Part II: Dental**

Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 1:00 PM ET

A Success Story: How Public Health and Corporate Dentistry Can Collaborate for a Safer Dental Visit

Speakers: Brea Iverson-Kleinberg and Sarah Stream, MPH, CDIPC, CDA, FADAA

Moderator: Karen Gregory, RN, CDIPC

Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 1:00 PM ET

Infection Prevention and Dental Services: Partnerships in Pediatrics

Speakers: Margaret Hetrick, MSN, BSN, RN, and Margaret Gilman, MAS, CIC, FAPIC

Moderator: Jackie Dorst, RDH

Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 1:00 PM ET

What's in that Water: Infection Prevention and Dental Departments Collaborate on a Water Management Plan

Speakers: Erin Villanueva, MPH, and Zoe Koch, CDA, COMSA

Moderator: Nancy Dewhirst, RDH, BS

Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 1:00 PM ET

The Importance of a Dental Water Management Plan in the Prevention of Disease Transmission During Dental Procedures

Speakers: Rosa Flores, MD, MPH, CIC, and Linda Bouttaphom, BSN, RN

Moderator: Amanda Hill, BSDH, RDH, CDIPC

“We are excited to partner with APIC on this four-part webinar series,” says OSAP Executive Director Michelle Lee, CPC. “Ensuring a safe dental visit is a team effort. These webinars bring to light the connections and bridge the silos between dental and medical care.”

More information can be found at: <https://secure.apic.org/WEB/ItemDetail?iProductCode=WBS-24-IPC>

### ▣ 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. For additional information, visit [osap.org](https://osap.org).

### About APIC

Founded in 1972, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) is the leading association for infection preventionists and epidemiologists. With more than 15,000 members, APIC advances the science and practice of infection prevention and control. APIC carries out its mission through research, advocacy, and patient safety; education, credentialing, and certification; and fostering development of the infection prevention and control workforce of the future. Together with our members and partners, we are working toward a safer world through the prevention of infection. Join us and learn more at [apic.org](https://apic.org).

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