Infection Control in the Dental Office
A Global Perspective

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It is our responsibility as health care providers to ensure that our practices and environments follow proven scientific guidelines to eliminate or reduce all types of infection. Elimination of cross contamination and infection in dentistry is important for overall patient and operator safety. Dr. Louis G. DePaola, Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Professor in the Department of Oncology & Diagnostic Sciences, School of Dentistry, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, USA and Dr. Leslie E. Grant, Examiner for the Commission on Dental Competency Assessment (CDCA) Linthicum, MD, USA deliver a new book on "Infection Control in the Dental Office" from a global perspective.

The book acquaints dental practitioners with the principles of infection control and the guidelines and standards of care in the context of contemporary dentistry practice, being structured in 15 chapters.

The book starts with an overview of infectious diseases of concern to dental practitioners such as: blood-borne pathogens, oral viral infections and bacterial infections. The following chapters provide a global perspective on infection control standards of care and guidelines for specific countries to minimize the risk of infection transmission.

This book also presents the two tiers of infection control: standard precautions and transmission-based precautions, respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette, safe handling of sharps and proper disposal, exposure control plan and how to manage an occupational exposure incident, dental unit waterlines, surface disinfection, sterilization of dental instruments and dental care during catastrophic events.

The book aims to help dental practitioners around the globe to understand the importance of infection control in the dental office and incorporate the principles of infection control.

"Infections Control in the Dental Office" is an invaluable and welcome guide for all dental practitioners, including dentists, dental specialists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.