

WAC 246-817-615 Administrative, education, and training. (1) A licensed dentist shall develop and maintain written infection prevention policies and procedures appropriate for the dental services provided by the facility.

(2) A licensed dentist shall review with all practitioners the current office infection prevention policies and procedures annually. A licensed dentist shall maintain documentation of the annual review with all practitioners for five years.

(3) A practitioner shall complete one hour of current infection prevention standards education annually provided by a qualified individual or organization.

(4) Infection prevention standards education must include:

- (a) Standard precautions and prevention of disease transmission;
- (b) Prevention of cross-contamination;
- (c) Practitioner safety and personal protection equipment;
- (d) Hand hygiene;
- (e) Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette;
- (f) Sharps safety and safe injection practices;
- (g) Sterilization and disinfection of patient care items and devices;
- (h) Environmental infection prevention and control;
- (i) Dental unit water quality; and
- (j) The requirements in WAC 246-817-601 through 246-817-660.

(5) A practitioner shall maintain their personal documentation of infection control prevention standards education for a period of five years.

(6) For the purposes of this section, a qualified individual or organization means a person or entity that has verifiable training, expertise, or experience in all aspects of infection control.

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