



What are Friends for?

The Friends of OSAP help integrate oral infection control and safety strategies into national and global efforts to improve public health.

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OSAP, Its Foundation, and Its Friends

OSAP is the nonprofit Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures.

OSAP's goal is to promote infection control and safety policies and practices — supported by science and research — to the global dental community and others whose work is related. It does this through such activities as developing relevant publications, innovative educational tools and programs, answers to infection control and safety questions, and an annual symposium. OSAP also helps educators, researchers, companies and patients regarding their dental infection control and safety needs.

The **OSAP Foundation** is the nonprofit entity that helps develop and enhance the resources needed by OSAP to carry out its goals.

The Foundation leverages its resources with a range of national and international organizations such as: US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), World Dental Federation (FDI), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

The **Friends of OSAP** focus on outreach to the greater public health communities, both domestic and global. Honorary appointees drawn from diverse backgrounds, OSAP Friends lend their expertise and networking ability to broaden the reach of OSAP.

A Commitment to Outreach: What Friends Are For

- Help integrate dental infection control and safety messages into related health messages for professional audiences worldwide. For example, Health Canada is adapting OSAP's Travelers' Guide for Safe Dental Care to the French and English-speaking communities in Canada.
- Share experiences of other organizations, institutions and individuals with OSAP to foster interprofessional and interdisciplinary dialogue about infection control and safety issues.
- Serve as a creative source for collaborative initiatives that sustain and advance safety and health worldwide. The OSAP Friends recently proposed and funded an innovative strategy to extend the reach of key symposium programs to other audiences.