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September 12, 2018 (ATLANTA) — The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP), a community of clinicians, educators, consultants, researchers, and industry representatives who advocate for the Safest Dental Visit™, has announced the launch of the *Journal of Dental Infection Control and Safety*, an online, peer-reviewed, professional journal in October. The journal will contain previously unpublished scholarly articles on clinical practice and education and scholarly and secondary research related to the practice of dental infection control and safety in oral health settings. It recently received approval from the United States Library of Congress.

OSAP Chief Engagement & Development Officer, Andy Whitehead, states the new journal is a critical strategic addition to the OSAP portfolio of resources available to the dental healthcare profession that impacts the advancement of patient safety and infection control across the dental continuum of care.

“The journal is an important tool in improving dental infection control and safety practices,” Whitehead said. “Every patient deserves access to the Safest Dental Visit, and the OSAP journal is a new scientific dissemination vehicle to reach clinicians, academic institutions, government entities and regulatory/accreditation authorities.”

The *Journal of Dental Infection Control and Safety* editorial board will be headed by Dr. J. Hudson Garrett Jr. as Editor in Chief. Dr. Garrett serves on the OSAP board of directors and is co-founder and president of the nonprofit Infection Prevention Institute, Inc., global chief clinical officer of Pentax Medical-Hoya Corporation, and an adjunct assistant professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. The Editorial Board will review manuscripts for appropriateness and significance to the dental healthcare profession.

The *Journal of Dental Infection Control and Safety* is a multidisciplinary, international journal that invites submissions from authors in all relevant disciplines and settings. Current topics of interest to the journal include evidence-based practice, new initiatives, outcomes research, patient engagement, infection prevention and control, international and multidisciplinary issues, regulatory issues affecting dental healthcare professionals, patient safety topics, resident engagement and satisfaction, implementation of new technologies and innovations, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Triple Aim, and issues confronted in clinical practice.

Authors can submit manuscripts through the online portal found at osapjdic.scholasticahq.com. The first issue of the journal is slated for October 2018.

About OSAP

The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) is the only dental membership association solely focused on infection prevention and patient safety education. Our members include individual clinicians, group practices, educators, researchers, consultants, trainers, compliance directors, policymakers, and industry representatives who advocate for safe and infection-free delivery of oral healthcare. OSAP focuses on strategies to improve compliance with safe practices and on building a strong network of recognized infection control experts. OSAP offers an extensive online collection of resources, publications, FAQs, checklists, and toolkits that help dental professionals deliver the Safest Dental Visit for their patients. Plus, online and live courses help advance the level of knowledge and skill for every member of the dental team. For additional information, visit osap.org.

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