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March 27, 2017 (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. The journal will contain previously unpublished scholarly articles on clinical practice and education and scholarly and secondary research related to the practice of dental infection control and safety in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.

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 at <http://jdics.osap.org>.

Dr. J. Hudson Garrett Jr. will serve as editor-in-chief of the new publication. Dr. Garrett is an OSAP board member and is co-founder and president of Infection Prevention Institute, Inc., and global chief clinical officer of Pentax Medical-Hoya Corporation. “The launch of OSAP’s peer-reviewed journal could not be more timely given the tremendous ongoing challenges with infection prevention and control in the oral healthcare setting. The journal will serve as a place for translational research and dissemination of evidence-based practices for infection control to all dental healthcare professionals”, said Dr. Garrett.

“The journal is a natural extension of our goal to develop the dental infection preventionists of the future. By mentoring new authors and encouraging current writers to focus on these important topics, we aim to significantly add to the amount of science-based content for dental clinicians, educators, and consultants,” said OSAP executive director Therese Long, MBA, CAE. “In fact, there will be a special session at the OSAP 2017 Conference in Atlanta, GA on June 24 (<http://osapconference.org>) discussing opportunities to contribute to the new journal,” she said.

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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