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April 13, 2016 (ANNAPOLIS) — Infection prevention and the safe delivery of oral healthcare is the goal of every dental practice, and an upcoming conference is designed to empower attendees to lead the way. The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) 2016 Annual Conference will be held June 2-5 in San Diego, CA. The content-rich conference will present new infection prevention tools and updates on emerging and re-emerging diseases like Zika and measles, address the top compliance and safety issues and offer resources, expert guidance, and evidence-based solutions. Attendees who register by April 30 will receive a discount. For more information or to register, go to [www.osap.org](http://www.osap.org).

The annual OSAP Annual Conference is the premier infection control education and networking event in the dental industry. Nationally and internationally known experts discuss current and emerging issues relating to infection prevention and safety in oral healthcare settings, and provide attendees with essential resources, valuable tools, and new approaches for better protecting patients and staff.

This year's conference will address the challenge of conveying the critical importance of infection control by giving participants the opportunity to learn powerful skills from Andy Goodman, a nationally recognized author, speaker, and TED presenter who teaches professionals how to use storytelling techniques to improve the impact of their communications. This special speaker is being sponsored by Midmark Corporation. Other highlights of the conference include lessons learned from a disease outbreak from contaminated dental water, "Compliance Briefs," a series of five-minute talks that enlighten but are quick, workshops on writing IFUs (Instructions for Use) and infection control certification, updates on antibiotic resistance and HIV/HPV/HCV, and an optional, private, docent-led dental tour of the USS Midway ship. The entire program can be viewed on the OSAP website.

The OSAP Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity to mingle with and learn from the leading authorities in the critical and rapidly changing field of infection prevention and safety in oral healthcare. Attendees have their choice of in-depth lectures, interactive learning sessions, and tightly-focused programs designed for specific specialists such as educators and consultants. The top companies in infection prevention and safety exhibit both time-tested and new products, and attendees have the opportunity to learn about important aspects of the products and take home valuable information on how the products can help them maintain a safe environment for dental staff and patients.

The OSAP Annual Conference is targeted to educators, infection control coordinators, consultants, compliance officers, risk managers, researchers, policymakers, sterilization technicians, and others in dental clinics, private practices, large group practices, hospitals, universities, government facilities, and companies that manufacture or sell infection control products and services. The breadth and depth of the educational programs offered to ensure that attendees at every level, from student to expert, will expand their knowledge base and make important contacts.

Annual Conference attendees can select sessions that fit their needs from a variety of concurrent program choices. The San Diego location also offers many leisure options for free time and for family members accompanying attendees. One of the highlights of the annual conference is the “Fun’d Raising Auction,” which includes dozens of amazing gifts, experiences, and one-of-a-kind items up for bid.

Celebrating over 30 years of service to the worldwide dental community, The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) is a growing community of clinicians, educators, researchers, 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 possible for their patients.

### **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](https://osap.org).

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