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August 29, 2012 (ANNAPOLIS) — The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) will be contributing to numerous continuing education programs in the coming months - courses designed to keep patients and the entire dental team safe.

"Dental safety is serious business and OSAP is committed to providing world-class infection prevention and safety content," said Therese Long, OSAP executive director. In the year ahead, OSAP will feature an expanding catalog of continuing education opportunities including a basic training course on infection control; lectures on patient safety, "green" infection control, how to provide safe access to oral healthcare; and, of course, our flagship annual symposium." Initial scheduling includes:

Sept. 1, 2012 – Patient Safety and Dentistry – What Do We Need To Know?

FDI World Dental Federation Annual Conference, Hong Kong

Eve Cuny, MS, and Professor Nermin Yamalik continue to raise the bar on patient safety in oral healthcare by describing how to avoid and/or limit preventable adverse events.

http://www.fdicongress.org/scientific_programme

Sept. 22, 2012 – Key Elements to Launching a Mobile Health Program

Mobile Health Clinics Forum – Pre-Forum Intensive Training Course, Charlotte, NC

Kathy Eklund RDH MPH and Sue Dodd RDH BA will conduct a concurrent lecture on "Oral Health Infection Prevention & Control Challenges" addressing new challenges and considerations for infection prevention and control for portable and mobile equipment being

brought to a variety of non-healthcare settings.

<http://www.mobilehealthclinicsnetwork.org/2012Forum/forum-2012agenda.html>

October 9 – How To Safely Deliver Oral Healthcare Outside of a Traditional Dental Setting

Illinois Oral Health Conference "Preconference Program," Springfield, IL

In an effort to increase access to oral healthcare, the traditional care delivery system is being unbundled to bring care to populations where they reside, go to school or gather in community settings. Kathy Eklund RDH MHP will discuss reports of actual and potential infection control breaches, address infection prevention and control considerations for portable and mobile oral healthcare settings, and highlight integrated infection prevention and control policies, procedures and practices. <http://ifloss.org/2012/07/conference/>

Oct. 18-19, 2012 – The Impact of "Green" Dentistry on Infection Prevention

American Dental Assistants Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

Mary Govoni, CDA, RDA, RDH, MBA, will describe how dental practices have many opportunities to lessen their impact on the environment by adopting environmentally friendly business strategies while considering how these decisions affect patient safety. The program examines common practices and protocols and how they shape the environment as well as patient/healthcare worker safety.

http://www.eventscribe.com/2012/ada/assets/pdf/Preliminary_Program.pdf

Jan. 7-12, 2013 – Dental Infection Prevention & Control Course

San Antonio, Texas

This course is an excellent foundation program for anyone who lectures on the topic or is responsible for infection prevention and safety program in oral healthcare settings. Cosponsored by the U.S. Air Force and OSAP, the four-day comprehensive training course takes attendees through microbiology, infectious diseases, immunizations, surveillance, PPE, hand hygiene, disinfection and sterilization, instrument processing, management of occupational exposures, glove selection and performance, latex allergies, dental operator and lab asepsis, mercury hygiene, dental unit waterline, dental product evaluation, patient safety, OSHA, HAZCOM and program management. <http://www.osap.org/?page=2013FedSvsCourse>

June 13-15, 2013 – Cutting Edge Annual Infection Prevention & Safety Symposium

San Diego, California

A must-attend for all those involved in delivering information on infection control, this robust and timely educational symposium will be held at the Hyatt Mission Bay Resort and Marina in San Diego. The setting offers a welcoming venue for attendees to network with colleagues and to bring their families who want to enjoy some of the local attractions. Details will be available at www.OSAP.org October 1.

About OSAP

The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention is the world's leading membership association exclusively dedicated to preventing disease transmission and ensuring the safe delivery of oral healthcare for all. As a non-profit organization, OSAP helps dental practitioners close the gap between policy and practice. Its members include dental and other healthcare professionals, consultants, researchers and non-governmental organizations, manufacturing and distribution companies, policy makers and academia. For more information, visit www.OSAP.org.