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January 24, 2023 (ATLANTA, GA) – At the 2023 OSAP Dental Infection Control Boot CampTM, the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) premiered our updated and revamped *If Saliva Were Red* video.

This compelling 5-minute video uses real dental healthcare personnel (DHCP) to highlight: common dental infection control and safety flaws, the cross-contamination DHCP would see if saliva were red, and how controlling contamination by using personal barrier protection, safe work practices, and effective infection control products, reduces the risk of exposure.

Produced without a voice track, the video uses visual rather than verbal cues to stress the need for procedure-specific dental infection control. It is a suitable training tool for classrooms and practices worldwide, regardless of native language.

OSAP also created *How to Tell the Story: A Facilitator's Guide*. This guide provides facilitators, educators, consultants, and in-practice instructors with visual cues and talking points from the video, answers to common questions, a checklist of the elements of a comprehensive dental personnel training program, and a list of resources.

Thanks to CareQuest Institute for Oral Health grant funding, this digital video and facilitator guide is available at no cost to everyone!

OSAP's Executive Director, Michelle Lee, CPC, says, "We are thrilled to finally release this video to the oral healthcare community after years in the making. It is one of the most impactful visuals to facilitate a discussion about cross-contamination and appropriate mitigation strategies. The creation and development of the video was possible with the dedication and expertise of our infection prevention experts, including, Eve Cuny, MS, CDIPC; Kathy J. Eklund, RDH, MHP; Karen Gregory, RDH, CDIPC; Michele L. Lash, RDH, BA; Shannon Mills, DDS; and Michele Neuburger, DDS, MPH. We hope this video is widely shared among the oral health care community to help ensure every dental visit is a safe visit."

Visit www.osap.org/if-saliva-were-red to view and download.

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™ possible 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 www.osap.org . Follow OSAP on Twitter , Facebook
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