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December 16, 2020 (ATLANTA) - The OSAP Annual Conference brings together the most innovative thinkers in dental infection prevention, occupational health, and patient safety. The 2021 OSAP Annual Conference is scheduled to occur June 3 – 5, 2021, in Tucson, AZ. The program will cover a variety of topics relevant to dental infection control and safety, including evolving guidance, compliance, and emerging infection prevention and safety issues.

OSAP invites infection control clinicians, educators, and researchers worldwide to submit abstracts for poster presentations at our 2021 OSAP Annual Conference.

This Call for Poster Abstracts is an opportunity to share infection control research with national and international colleagues. OSAP welcomes abstracts that consist of literature reviews, original research, meta-analyses, and case reports. Individuals at all career stages are encouraged to submit one or more abstracts.

All abstracts undergo an extensive peer review process; details of the criteria are listed in the guideline document. OSAP may publish accepted abstracts in a special issue of the *OSAP Journal of Dental Infection Control and Safety*

. Additionally, presenting authors receive a 25% discount off conference registration fees. For more information visit: [www.osap.org/2021-annual-conference-poster-abstracts](http://www.osap.org/2021-annual-conference-poster-abstracts)

### **James A. Cottone Award for Excellence in Investigative Research**

For the first time since 2015, OSAP will award the James A. Cottone Award for Excellence in Investigative Research, which includes a cash award of \$500 and a recognition plaque, to the abstract that receives the highest review. Michelle Lee states, “We are thrilled to be able to

bring back this award to recognize excellence in dental infection control and safety research, and are thankful for Patterson Dental's willingness to sponsor this year's award."

## **About the OSAP Annual Conference**

The OSAP Annual Conference is the premier dental infection prevention and control education event. National and international experts in infection prevention and patient safety will deliver a richly constructed conference combining world-class education with valuable networking activities. OSAP Annual Conference will help participants identify important attributes to develop and enhance global leadership for the optimal delivery of infection prevention and safety.

Anyone who has a role related to dental infection prevention and control and safety, whether a clinician, consultant, educator, policymaker, or sales representative, will benefit from attending OSAP Annual Conference.

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

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