

Infection Control Policy

Dental Office:

Infection Control Officer:

Category	Definition	Processing
Critical Items	Penetrate soft tissue or contact bone (e.g. all surgical instruments, sterilizationperiodontal scalers, etc.)	Cleaning followed by Sterilization
Semi-critical Items	Contact mucous membranes or non-intact skin (e.g. mouth mirrors, amalgam condensers, reusable impression trays, handpieces, etc.)	Cleaning followed by Sterilization
Non-critical Items	Contact intact skin, but not mucous membranes, or do not directly contact the patient (e.g. radiograph head/cone, blood pressure cuff, facebow, pulse oximeter, etc.)	Cleaning followed by low-level Disinfectant

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