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Course: *Icky Sticky Infection Control: Methodologies to Help Proper Infection Control Procedures Stick*

Course Description:

Proper infection control is an essential task required of all dental personnel to assure the safety of patients, and the community. All patients deserve proper infection control for their health, safety and well-being. Dental Assistants are often assigned this as a primary responsibility. However, learning proper infection control techniques can be a daunting chore. At times, students and trainees might not “see” the importance of proper infection control for a variety of reasons, whether it be overwhelming, boring or a disinterest. Learning and maintaining proper infection control can be a fun and interesting lesson that will stick with the student learner for a lifetime.

This presentation and round table discussion will provide methodologies that include an overview of solutions and tools for educators and trainers enabling them to enhance the retention of the infection control learning experience for their students and trainees.

Course Objectives:

1. **Recognize the importance** of infection control training in the classroom and/or dental practice.
2. **Define key concepts and approaches** for enhancing the retention of infection control learning for students and trainees.
3. **Discuss strategies** for more meaningful lesson planning in infection control using a variety of practical and **creative** approaches, audiovisual styles, and other techniques.
4. **Identify** varied methodologies and tips for teaching infection control
5. **List ways** to inspire, elevate, and motivate the student learner.



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Eloise Reed, a Certified and Registered Dental Assistant, is passionate about dental assisting. Her dental experience spans over 40 years and includes chairside assisting and practice management in private practices. Eloise taught both dental assisting and practice management for over 30 years in ROP and community college dental assisting programs. In addition, she spent 20 years as a free-lance Dental Office Efficiency Coordinator. She co-owned Tooth Fairy Systems for 6 years. Although Eloise is semi-retired from the classroom; she remains active in the dental field and in dental offices.

She currently teaches courses for the Santa Clara County Dental Society and Make Compliance Simple, a multifaceted dental practice compliance company. These courses include the “8-hour Infection Control Class for the Unlicensed Dental Assistant”, “California Dental Practice Act”, and “Infection Control” courses for the renewing licensee, and other continuing education topics. Eloise is a speaker for association conferences such as the CDAA (California Dental Assistants Association) and CADAT (California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers) and is a proud long-standing member of these organizations.

Throughout her career Eloise has helped hundreds of candidates from all over the country navigate the process of becoming an RDA in the state of California. In addition, she continues to assist dental practices to meet compliance standards for both OSHA and the Dental Board of California’s Minimum Standards for Infection Control. She continues to provide support to dental assistants and dental practices and is currently serving as President of the Santa Clara County Dental Assistants Society. Eloise loves to share her many years of acquired knowledge, training techniques to help motivate and inspire students, stories, and humor while elevating others.