

Infection Prevention and Control - Dental Units

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Dental health services needs and demands are enormous

- 1 dentist: 2 000 in developed world
- 1 dentist : 150 000 in developing countries
- In low-in-come most countries have no budget at all to the control of oral diseases.
- Preventive measures are lacking e.g health education, checking school children
- Caries, odontitis and oral cancer are an increasing problem and the care of the elderly people
- Unhealthy diets, high sugar and tobacco consumption add the difficult situation
- The only care is extraction – mouth without teeth – quality of life is reduced









Precautions

- All instruments tend to be put inside the mouth of the patient must be sterilized
- Autoclaves in dental units are not usually steam pressure sterilizers and often out of order
- Processing the instruments should be done with care
- Needle stick and splashes risk is high
- Dental units are high-risk areas
- Hospital waste management protocols should reach also to dental care

















