



INFECTION CONTROL SEMINAR

Infection Control and Safety 2014

The Connecticut Dental Health Partnership, the dental plan for HUSKY Health, is offering a **FREE** infection control seminar for dental offices enrolled in the HUSKY program.

The seminar will be presented by Kathy Eklund, RDH, MHP, Director of Occupational Health and Safety at the Forsyth Institute in Cambridge, MA. Ms. Eklund will review best practices for developing and managing an effective and efficient infection control program for your dental practice. **Please see the attached course description for more information on the course objectives.**

The seminar will be held at the following location:

Connecticut Hospital Association
110 Barnes Road
Wallingford, CT 06492

There will be four different sessions to choose from:

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 9:00 AM – Noon

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 1:00 PM – 4:00PM

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 9:00 AM – Noon

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 1:00 PM – 4:00PM

Please call Sue Wydra at 860-507-2307 to reserve the time you and your staff would like to attend. Seating is limited!

Title: Infection Control and Safety - 2014

Speaker: Kathy Eklund, RDH MHP Director of Occupational Health and Safety, The Forsyth Institute, Cambridge Massachusetts

The goal of an infection prevention and control program is to prevent health-care associated infections and injuries and illnesses in health-care personnel. Recent breaches in infection control in dental healthcare settings have been reported in the professional and general news media, two of which have resulted in transmission of hepatitis B and hepatitis C viruses. The reports of these breaches have stimulated both public and professional patient safety concerns.

Ms. Eklund will review a “best practices” framework for developing and managing an effective and efficient infection control and safety program that promotes patient and provider safety. Strategies for ensuring compliance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations and other relevant recommendations, regulations and standards will be discussed. Resources and tools from the CDC, OSHA, the Organization for Safety Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP), and others will be shared with participants.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of the program participants will be able to:

- Describe the basic concepts and foundational principles of “Best Practices” for infection prevention and control.
- Identify credible resources for Infection Prevention and Control
- Use tools and resources to develop best practices for a site-specific infection prevention and control program

Speakers Biographical Sketch

Ms. Eklund is the Director of Occupational Health and Safety, and the Forsyth Research Subject and Patient Safety Advocate at The Forsyth Institute. She is an adjunct assistant professor of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene and adjunct faculty member of the Mount Ida College, School for Dental Hygiene, where she teaches senior level courses in Oral Health Research and Evidence-Based Decision Making. Ms. Eklund serves as faculty for the New England AIDS Education and Training Center and HIVdent.org. She is a member and past Chair of the Organization for Safety Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) and current member of the OSAP Board of Directors. Ms. Eklund is an author of the *CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings- 2003*. Ms. Eklund has served on several councils and committees of the American Dental Hygienist Association as well as other professional organizations.

Over the past 28 years Ms. Eklund has published numerous articles and contributed to several texts on infection control and safety and has lectured nationally and internationally on these topics. Ms. Eklund has practiced clinical dental hygiene in private practice and institutional settings since 1975.