

# HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Public Safety  
Prison

SECTION: Care and Treatment of  
Offender - Dental Services

POLICY # TX V-2

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SUBJECT: Asepsis Dental Procedures

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## References

Related ACA Standards

4<sup>th</sup> Edition Standards for Adult Correctional  
Institutions 4-4360, 4-4365

## PURPOSE

To prevent cross infections.

## POLICY

Infection Control regulations for the dental office and the dental laboratory have been adopted by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners, and as such, must be followed by every practitioner. The need for aseptic procedures has been recognized by the American Dental Association and by public health service investigators. Offenders who appear healthy can carry undetected infections into the dental operator. Although obvious primary concern is for the offender's safety, available data also suggests dental personnel are the most vulnerable to cross-infections. The importance of practical methods to protect the large number of offenders that receive dental treatments, as well as all clinical personnel, is readily apparent. Universal precautions are to be followed with all offenders.

All dental clinics shall maintain an updated, customized Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan and have a staff member designated as the coordinator responsible for compliance with the North Carolina Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology (SPICE). Each clinic should organize these programs in manual format, provide necessary updates as required by the regulatory authority, and ensure staff have access to the information.



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