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This manual has been developed to outline the routine work practices for reducing the number of infectious agents in the dental practice environment; preventing or reducing the likelihood of transmission of infectious agents; and making items/areas as free as possible from infectious agents. It is designed to provide information based on the best evidences, guidelines and relevant standards to assist in the decision-making related to Infection Prevention and Control issues in dental practices. Professional judgement is essential in determining the necessary application of its contents to the particular circumstances of each individual dental practice.

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