

“Small violations can have
big consequences.
What could I be missing?”



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DENTAL COMPLIANCE CENTER™
by Hu-Friedy

IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

11,000 dental patients exposed to HIV, hepatitis in clinic hygiene breaches¹

Whistleblower claims pediatric dental office did not properly sanitize equipment, waterlines⁴

**Dental Office Fined for Serious OSHA Violations
Failure to Provide N95 Fit Testing Among Violations⁵**

Criminal charges sought against dentist over infection control protocols²

Former patients of shuttered dental clinic urged to get Hepatitis, HIV tests⁶

Dentist suspended over infection, non-sterilization issues³

PORTSMOUTH -- A Corporate Drive dentist is suspended from practicing dentistry for breaching infection-control protocol by using non-sterilized instruments on at least four patients, according to the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners.

...against Brian Hunter, who posted on his website...

Patients notified after breach of infection prevention protocols⁷

These cases seem extreme, but unfortunately, they are only a few of many breaches that have had adverse outcomes.⁸

Compliance is a commitment to always following procedures and protocols outlined by organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state dental boards, and OSHA. But it can be difficult for dental facilities to stay aware of every regulation and guideline and ensure personnel are always properly trained.

When even a small violation can have big consequences,⁹ it's critical to know you're taking the right steps to maintain safety and compliance.

STAYING COMPLIANT IS MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER

According to an industry research study, **99%** of dental professionals believe their infection control programs are effective.¹⁰ But **62%** are still concerned with how current their programs are, when compared to published OSHA standards.¹⁰

Compliance covers more than just OSHA; CDC and state board regulations also factor into your infection prevention protocols.

The number and extent of published standards means dental facilities are held to a high level of accountability. In the current environment, it's even more important to stay up to date as updates and changes to standards are made.

Because with these standards, there is no “good enough” — only compliant or noncompliant.



COMPLIANCE PROTECTS...

YOUR PATIENTS

The health and safety of your patients are compromised when regulations and guidelines are not in place or are not strictly adhered to.

YOUR STAFF

Not following protocols can also be a health and safety hazard for your staff, who may be exposed to disease or infection via instruments or patients.

YOUR FACILITY

Infractions can lead to fines or even loss of a FACILITY if the violations are serious enough.

YOUR CAREER

When violations occur, not only do they tarnish your reputation, but they can even lead to suspension or loss of license.

WITH SO MUCH AT STAKE, YOU NEED TO KNOW WITH CERTAINTY WHERE YOU STAND.



ARE YOU COMPLIANT?

An industry research study¹⁰ indicates that many dental facilities do not fully follow guidelines and standards.

OF SURVEYED RESPONDENTS...

Does Your Facility:

- ➔ Have written protocols on infection prevention and instrument reprocessing?
- ➔ Base your infection prevention protocols off CDC and state regulations?
- ➔ Transport contaminated, loose instrumentation a tray covered with a secured lid or in a cassette and tub?
- ➔ Perform weekly biological monitoring on every sterilizer?
- ➔ Place an internal chemical indicator into every package before sterilization?
- ➔ Clean, maintain, and monitor your dental waterlines?
- ➔ Use cleaning monitors to test the effectiveness of your instrument cleaning process?

If you answered no to even one of these questions, you may not be meeting the standard of care for infection control and prevention.



66% were not properly using sterilization monitors



36% did not properly transport contaminated instruments



29% reported hand scrubbing their instruments



18% were performing biological monitoring only monthly



14% either don't or are not sure if they observe published guidelines



BUT... 99% believe their infection prevention programs are effective

Ensuring compliance is the only way to truly protect yourself, your staff, and your patients from the risks of infection.



DISCOVER GREENLIGHT

A Better Way To Stay Compliant

Maintaining compliance doesn't have to be a burden. GreenLight Dental Compliance Center™ by Hu-Friedy is an exclusive program that keeps all your infection prevention guidelines and regulations conveniently housed in one portal.

How You Benefit

GreenLight helps you create customized infection prevention and instrument reprocessing protocols and internal audits, so you are better prepared. GreenLight also saves time on staff training and updates, with improved performance in your infection prevention practices. You'll find more than convenience with GreenLight — you'll also gain the confidence that comes from knowing your facility is in compliance.



“It’s important to me as a business owner to know we are doing everything we need to in order to stay compliant.”

**Dr. Gregory Toback, DMD, MS
at Shoreline Periodontics**

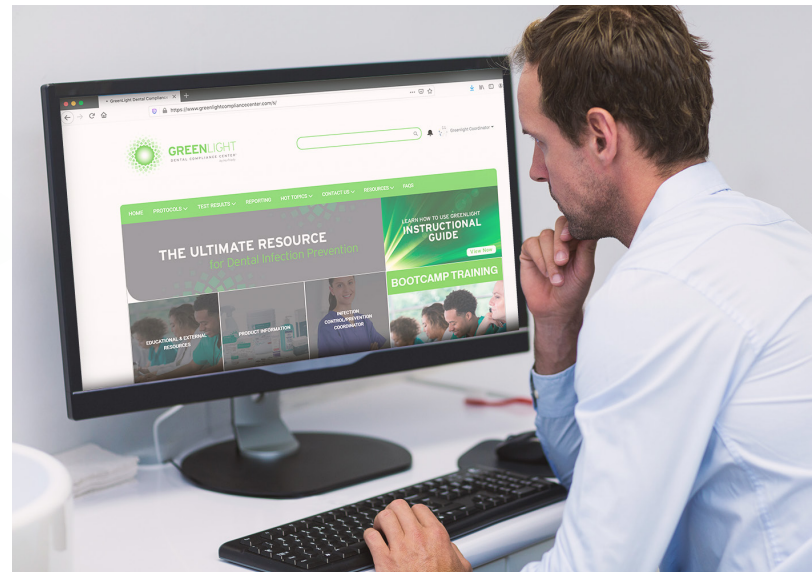


“The clinicians that I have worked with that have become a part of GreenLight are so impressed, almost blown away, by the depth and extent of the information that’s included.”

Mary Govoni, CDA, RDH, MBA

GREENLIGHT DELIVERS

- ➔ Exclusive access to a comprehensive members-only online infection prevention portal
- ➔ A one-stop resource for updated compliance information from regulatory bodies
- ➔ Easy access to state-specific infection control resources
- ➔ Customized infection prevention protocol templates compliant with your facility’s specific requirements
- ➔ Free annual consultation to review protocols or assist with other topics
- ➔ Online infection prevention self assessment
- ➔ Live and on-demand CE webinars for OSHA and other pertinent topics related to infection prevention
- ➔ Breach response plan and tools to stay informed and educated
- ➔ Training and resources specifically for Infection Control/Prevention Coordinator (ICPC)
- ➔ Easy to track your cleaning, waterline, and sterilization monitoring results
- ➔ Access to new and important resources related to many hot topics, including N95 Respirators & Face Masks, COVID-19, Dental Unit Waterlines and more



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Learn More About GreenLight

Join an interactive session hosted by the GreenLight Compliance Team that will walk you through a demo of the portal, include live Q&A, and provide you an opportunity to ask questions with the subject matter experts.

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Your Procedures

IMPROVE

Your Processes

MAINTAIN

Your Compliance

READY TO PERFECT YOUR PROTOCOLS?

GreenLight is an exclusive program available to dental facilities that have purchased at least 10 IMS™ Cassettes.

**Learn more by calling your HuFriedyGroup rep, or visit us
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