

Dear Members of the WSSO,

There are significant changes proposed in the WAC regarding infection control that is up for debate at this time. It would radically change the way most of us do our sterilizing with little to no scientific data to back up the radical changes.

Below is the agenda for the dental infection control committee meeting on Feb 1^{st} at 1:00pm. This is an in-person meeting held at the Department of Health, Creekside Two at Center Point, 20425 72^{nd} Ave S. Suite 310, Room 309, Kent, WA 98032.

We encourage you to read the proposed changes below and submit any stakeholder comments BEFORE Feb 1st to:

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Please be specific and do not base your arguments on emotional responses. Focus on the laws, how we utilize mostly non and semi-critical instruments in our office and that these changes are specifically geared toward a surgical specialty.

Also, <u>please respond to this 1 minute survey</u> to give the commission data on the percentages of our practices this would affect. (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/52CQZ82)

Thank you for being involved!

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