

**Worcester Dental Hygiene Association**  
Presents  
**“Bloodborne Pathogen Review”**  
&  
**“Discussing Fluoride, Amalgam & Radiation  
Safety with your Patients”**

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**SATURDAY March 25, 2017**

**4 CEU's**

**FULL BREAKFAST**

**8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

**The Manor Restaurant  
42 West Boylston Street  
West Boylston, Mass 01583**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

**Annual Bloodborne Pathogens & Airborne Review**

**OSHA** requires all employees who perform tasks involving potential occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens to receive annual training. Airborne pathogens training is not required, but will also be covered. Participants will watch a short video and answer questions related to the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard to re-enforce learning objective.

- State who is required to receive Bloodborne pathogens training and how often the training should occur.
- Understand what an occupational exposure to infected blood or other potentially infected material (OPIM) is and what disease infected blood and OPIM can cause.
- State how Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and IV are spread.
- List the four types of strategies employers are required to use to reduce occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
- Describe the protocol required should an employee be exposed to blood OPIM in the workplace.
- Describe the three types of airborne pathogens and how to reduce occupational exposure to these pathogens.

## Discussing Fluoride, Amalgam & Radiation Safety with your Patients

Dental medicine is supported by many decades of peer-reviewed research, though the field involves the use of materials and practices with a well-defined safety window. Decades of discussion and controversy surround the regulation and use of substances like mercury amalgam, fluoride salts, and the use of xrays to produce radiographs. Dental professionals have a responsibility to be well-informed on how to use potentially hazardous materials at safe levels while maximizing their therapeutic and diagnostic uses. Even if providers feel comfortable with their standards of practice, discussing these risks and benefits with patients can be a crucial and often overlooked barrier to care: This course is designed to:

- Discuss the therapeutic and safe levels of three fluoride salts, mercury amalgam and diagnostic radiation in the dental setting
- Recommend conversation starters and key sentences to guide productive and helpful patient conversations
- Focus on approaching these conversations with patients who are uncomfortable using such compounds and practices
- Assist participants on resources for continuing to examine the literature as research progresses

## Instructors

**Virginia Heroux RDH, MS** is an Associate Professor of Dental Hygiene at Mount Wachusett Community College at the Fitchburg Campus. She will guide the participants in this course through the National Safety Council's Bloodborne and Airborne Pathogens Standard.

**Dr. Rosie Wagner** obtained her dental degree at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and completed a general practice residency at the Tufts School of Dental Medicine and Tufts Medical Center. She then founded a startup family practice in Somerville that focuses on treating patients with dental phobia and fear of being judged for their oral status. Her practice welcomes patients with disabilities and special needs and has a primary focus on good patient-provider communication. Dr. Wagner is Chair-Elect of the Middlesex District and on the Membership Committee of the Massachusetts Dental Society. She is also a starting member of the Massachusetts Oral HPV Prevention Taskforce through Dana Farber Cancer Institute and is a subject matter expert for the OHEP through the Department of Public Health. Dr. Wagner has lectured to dental and medical professionals on HPV-related cancers and prevention, environmental epidemiology, and dental entrepreneurship.

## Registration Form – Bloodborne/Fluoride Safety

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