

## **21 NCAC 16J .0103      STERILIZATION**

All instruments or equipment used in the treatment of dental patients shall be sterilized according to usage. All dental health care settings shall follow the most current guidelines on infection control for the dental office and the dental laboratory adopted by the American Dental Association. Effective control techniques and precautions to prevent the cross contamination and transmission of infection to all persons is the professional responsibility of all dentists. All licensees are required to maintain and provide a safe, therapeutic environment for patients and employees and to follow a comprehensive and practical infection control program at all times.

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