



## PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LAPSE REPORT

### Initial Report

Premise/facility under investigation (name and address)	Dawson Dental Centre – North Bay 1221 Algonquin Avenue #501, North Bay, ON P1B 4Y3
Type of premise/facility: (e.g., clinic, personal services setting)	Dental Office
Date Board of Health became aware of IPAC lapse	May 21, 2025
Date IPAC lapse was linked to the premise/facility	May 21, 2025
Date of Initial Report posting	May 30, 2025
Date of Initial Report update(s) (if applicable)	Not applicable
How the IPAC lapse was identified	Dawson Dental Centre – North Bay
Summary Description of the IPAC Lapse	Improperly reprocessed reusable instruments used on clients.

## IPAC Lapse Investigation

Did the IPAC lapse involve a member of a regulatory college?	Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario</li> <li>• Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario</li> </ul>
If yes, was the issue referred to the regulatory college?	May 30, 2025
Were other stakeholders notified	Yes
Concise description of the corrective action required.	The dental clinic identified and notified the impacted clients about the IPAC lapse.
Please provide further details/steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sterilization methods, MIFUs shall be followed for every individual instrument, handpiece and motor utilized in the dental clinic to ensure each device is sterilized using the correct sterilization cycle parameters (i.e., time, temperature and pressure).</li> <li>2. Physical indicators for sterilization including cycle time, temperature and pressure shall be checked and recorded for each load.</li> <li>3. External Chemical Indicators on packaged dental equipment/devices shall be checked when packages are:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removed from the sterilizer.</li> <li>• Placed into sterile storage.</li> <li>• Removed from sterile storage.</li> <li>• About to be opened for use.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

## Final Report

Date of Final Report posting July 23, 2025

Date any order(s) or directive(s) were issued to the owner/operator (if applicable) May 23, 2025

Brief description of corrective measures taken

1. Sterilization methods, MIFUs are followed for every individual instrument, handpiece and motor utilized in the dental clinic to ensure each device is sterilized using the correct sterilization cycle parameters (i.e., time, temperature and pressure). **Complete**
2. Physical indicators for sterilization including cycle time, temperature and pressure are checked and recorded for each load. **Complete**
3. External Chemical Indicators on packaged dental equipment/devices are checked when packages are:
  - a. Removed from the sterilizer.
  - b. Placed into sterile storage.
  - c. Removed from sterile storage.
  - d. About to be opened for use. **Complete**

Date all corrective measures were confirmed to have been completed July 18, 2025

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