

A Safer Practice Through Safer Instrument Processing



As one of the most highly trafficked areas of your practice, the sterilization center is an essential hub for efficiency and risk control.



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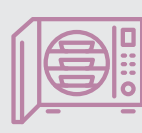
Number of times your team may go in and out of the instrument processing area based on average dental practices¹



75%

Estimated number of all offices in the US that have an inadequately sized sterilization center²

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Steps in the dirty-instrument-to-clean-instrument workflow recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



STEP 1
RECEIVING, CLEANING
+ DECONTAMINATING



STEP 2
PREPARING + PACKAGING



STEP 3
STERILIZING



STEP 4
MONITORING/ASSURING
STERILITY



STEP 5
STORING

To make a safer instrument processing environment, consider your workflow, processes and equipment.

Learn how to choose the right sterilizer for your practice at midmark.com/safetychoice. For more practice safety recommendations, see our ebook at midmark.com/safetynow.

Sources:

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