Getting ahead

It’s too easy to get stuck in a rut and lose the direction of your practice, says Jonathan Wood, who offers some simple solutions to help you move forward.

The regulations

Paragraphs 19.1 – 19.68 in Section 3 of HTM 01-05 are specifically focused on control of legionella in Dental Practices and Paragraphs 6.75 to 6.99 address Dental Unit Water Lines as well. Practices must also comply with the Health & Safety Commission’s Approved Code of Practice (L8) on the control of legionella bacteria in Water Systems.

The RISKS

Dental Unit Water Lines are an ideal environment for microorganisms as they attach themselves to the tubing, forming a layer of biofilm. As the water in DUWL’s often becomes stagnant at the end of sessions or over a weekend it can also act as a reservoir for micro-organisms to flourish.

Microbiological monitoring

By using an ATP meter that accurately measures the presence of micro-organisms, Nuview is able to provide a quick and verifiable assessment of cleanliness, along with a set of results that can be used to establish trends over a period of time.

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