

Instrument Sterilization in Orthodontic Clinic: A Review

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Abstract

Sterilization in dentistry is one of the prime importance and so is for orthodontics. This article offers practical guidelines and recommendations for effective sterilization in the orthodontic office keeping the instruments longevity in mind. Sterilization protocols are recommended for pliers, molar bands, elastomeric ligatures and chains, impressions and orthodontic appliances. Additionally a recommended sterilization protocol for the extremely stable group of infectious agents called prions is highlighted as well as its implication on instruments.