



You Found That Where?

When is the last time you dove into the depths of your operatory drawers or scanned the storage of your sterilization area cabinets? You may be surprised what you might find. Out-dated products, that missing bur from a Composite procedure 2 years ago or maybe a sticky candy stash from a past co-worker. The bottom line is that Spring is here and there is no better time than now to purge, clean and organize your practice.

4 Spring Cleaning Tips You Can Utilize Now

1. Create a bulk item storage area:

Zirc recommends using your Central Sterilization Area, a spare closet or room for this. Store these bulk items so that they are easy to get to and you can clearly see all that is available. Labeling the outside of the cabinetry/drawers as to the contents will help ensure everything is put away in its intended place.

2. Operatory drawer storage for commonly used items:

Store your commonly used materials such as cotton rolls, gloves, patient bibs, saliva ejectors, and so on. Consistency is very important in inventory control so make sure all operatory drawers are stocked with the same supplies in the same locations. This will enable anyone to find materials promptly when needed and will also make the restock process quicker.

3. Procedure tub storage for procedure specific items:

Tubs are stored in a central location, such as central sterilization and are restocked as needed. Now you can easily transport your procedure specific materials into any operatory. With the utilization of Tubs you will be able to keep less inventory on-hand since you will no longer be stocking each operatory with these procedure specific materials.

4. Color Code your procedures:

For the Color Code System, you will have a different color Tub for each procedure holding your “procedure specific” materials such as composite, cements, sealers and so on. The best way to remember which color is for each procedure is to have a chart that shows this. It can be as simple as a chart with the name of the procedure and the assigned color written next to it.



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