

ICD and OSAP sponsor ground-breaking program in Vietnam



More than 500 participants contributed to the first-ever CE infection control seminar of its kind for dental staff in Vietnam.

The [International College of Dentists](#) (ICD) and the [Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention](#) (OSAP), a community of clinicians, educators, researchers and industry representatives who advocate for the safest dental visit, completed a highly successful, inclusive two-day seminar on dental safety that was held September 6-7 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam—the first CE infection control seminar of its kind for dental staff ever given in Vietnam.

The program was jointly sponsored by the ICD and OSAP, and coincided with Dental Infection Control Awareness Month (September) and the annual meeting of the [South East Asia Association for Dental Education](#) (SEAADE). Response to the program was overwhelming, with more than 500 participants from Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia and Thailand joining the many participants from Vietnam.

The first day of the program focused on infection control for dental practitioners, patient safety and quality measures, and antibiotic stewardship. Attendees received information on instrument processing, implementing, reinforcing, and ensuring compliance with infection control best practices.

The second day of the program was geared towards educators and trainers and focused on managing infection control in the educational setting—developing policies and procedures, identifying resources and best practices, and training staff.

Attendees learned about patient safety as an emerging discipline and trends in infectious diseases, as well as the equipment, processes, and design for optimum infection control across a variety of settings.

The key speaker for the program was Eve Cuny, MS, who is Director of Environmental Health and Safety and Associate Professor in the Department of Dental Practice at Pacific Dugoni School of Dentistry. Ms. Cuny is a past chairperson for OSAP, who has worked with government agencies and nonprofit organizations throughout the world to educate dental practitioners about best practices in dental infection control.

[Hu-Friedy](#) supported this program through a generous educational grant, while [ICD Region 31 Vietnam](#) provided the local arrangements, venue and promotion.



(Left Photo) Seminar attendees view the products on exhibition table of the event sponsor Hu-Friedy.



(Right Photo) Key Speaker Eve Cuny [4th from left] stands with ICD Fellow Hoang Trong Hung, Vice President for International Affairs at the Dental School in Ho Chi Minh City [far left], and ICD Regent for Vietnam Ngo Thi Quynh Lan, Dental School Dean [3rd from left].