

Occupational Hazards in Dentistry: Part 1

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Abstract – *Dental care workers, like their medical counterparts, are exposed to many occupational hazards. These range from toxicity to chemicals that are routinely used in dentistry, threat of blood-borne infectious diseases, and musculo-skeletal disease consequential to poor working posture. Nonetheless, awareness of these occupational hazards and implementation of preventive strategies can provide a safe practice environment for all concerned. In the following two articles we outline the major occupational risks that a dental team may face in their daily routine and suggest preventive measures to obviate these.*