

These slides illustrate various aspects of infection control in dental radiography as described in the document. 1?

- Cover or disinfect the tubehead, position-indicating device (PID), control panel, and exposure button.
- Use plastic or foil barriers on surfaces that are hard to clean, especially on electrical switches.
- Use barriers to minimize saliva contamination on film packets.

****Radiography Operatory Preparation**** (Slide Fig. – Determine surfaces to be covered or disinfected with high-level disinfectant. – Discard barriers and clean surfaces after the procedure. – Carefully remove contaminated barriers without touching the inner film packet. – Develop a sequence to touch as few surfaces as possible. – Disinfect the work area and place a barrier (e.g., paper sheet, paper towels, or plastic cover).

****Infection Control During Exposure**** (Slide Fig. – Wipe each film with a paper towel to remove saliva after removing it from the patient's mouth.

****X-Ray Machine**** (Slide Fig. ****The Work Area**** (Slide Fig. ****Film Handling**** (Slide Fig. 40–4) 2.40–5) 3.40–6) 4.40–7) 5.40–8