

**2018 DENTAL AUDIT**

Please complete the 2018 Dental Audit by simply typing answers in each box, save it with your clinic's name and email it back to [kathleen.nyquist@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:kathleen.nyquist@co.washington.mn.us) or print and hand write answers and mail to:

Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment  
Service Center – Forest Lake  
19955 Forest Road North  
Forest Lake, MN 55025

**Please submit by August 20, 2018**

1. Clinic Name

2. Address *(please include street, suite numbers as applicable, city and zip)*

3. HWID – Hazardous Waste ID *(remember you can find this on your Hazardous Waste License)*

4. Hazardous Waste Compliance Contact Name - Title *(please list primary and back up with job titles)*

Primary: Name / Title

Back up contact: Name / Title

5. Phone Numbers

6. Emails

7. Is your clinic on city sewer and water or on a septic system?

- City sewer and water       Septic system

8. Does your clinic have a silver fixer X-ray system or is the clinic 100% digital?

- 100% digital       Silver fixer x-ray system

9. Does your clinic offer sedation dentistry?

- Yes       No

10. Does your clinic manage controlled substances?

- Yes       No

11. What product(s) does the clinic use to clean dentures and appliances? Check all that apply and/or list product name and pH below as other:

- Henry Schein Tarter & Stain Remover / 0.3 pH
- Patterson Tarter & Stain Remover / 1.2 pH
- Pro Clean tablets / 1.0 pH when mixed as directed

Other: List product name and pH:

12. What do you do with the waste denture cleaner – what is the management plan for the waste?

- Neutralizes on-site:  after each use  collects and neutralizes in batch periodically
- Transports to Washington County VSQG collection program in Woodbury
- Transports off site with our hazardous waste vendor

13. Do you place amalgam restorations?  YES  NO (if No, please state approximate month/year when the clinic stopped placing amalgam and why)

14. Please fill in the blanks for how many of the following are on staff at your clinic?

- Dentists  Dental Hygienists
- Dental Therapists  Advanced Dental Therapists

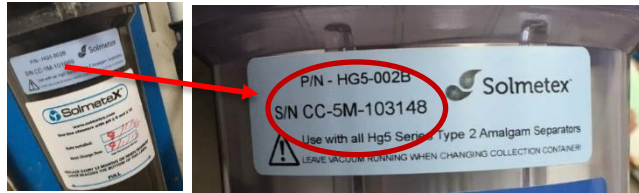
15. **Amalgam Separator information** – please check the type of amalgam separator your clinic has and complete the applicable information such as model number and month/year it was installed.

- Amalgam Collector model:  mth/yr installed:
- Rebeck model:  mth/yr installed:
- SolmeteX model:  mth/yr installed:
- Other: *If not listed above note the separator make/ model and when installed below OR if more than one separator note the second system info below. If no separator use space below to indicate why:*

16. Did you make any changes to your amalgam separator system in the last year or have any problems that needed correction or service?

17. If you have a **SolmeteX** amalgam separator system please complete the following questions, if not go to question 16.

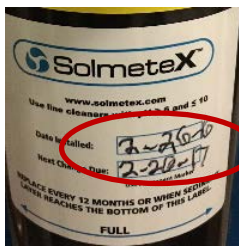
A. What is serial number of the filter/canister currently in use: *The number will be on the label as shown below. Note the label may be on the back of the filter / canister as installed.*



B. Where do you purchase your SolmeteX replacement filters/canisters? *Please list vendor name and contact information such as phone number / email or website.*

*NOTE: SolmeteX should only be sending MPCA approved canisters/filters to MN. Currently the only approved models are: CC-1MF and the CC-5M. If your replacement canister is not one of those listed please contact John Gilkeson with the MPCA at: [john.gilkeson@state.mn.us](mailto:john.gilkeson@state.mn.us)*

C. Date the filter/canister was last changed?



D. Have you noticed any standing or bubbling water in the upper chamber unit of your SolmeteX when inspecting?

- NO  
 YES



E. On average how often do you replace the filter/canister?

- Monthly                       Annually  
 Quarterly                       18 – 24 months

F. How often do you inspect your amalgam separator for malfunctions, deterioration and or discharges that may cause a release of hazardous waste to the sanitary sewer system?

- Daily                               Monthly  
 Weekly                             As needed

Click [HERE](#) for a new Amalgam Separator Inspection Log and guidance for SolmeteX systems or go to [www.co.washington.mn.us/HazWaste](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/HazWaste) and look under Forms and Resources.

Please help other Public Health and Environment programs by answering the following questions:

18. Does your clinic see children starting at 12 months?



- YES
- NO - please refer to Children’s Dental Services at 612-746-1530 or [www.childrensdentalservices.org](http://www.childrensdentalservices.org)

19. Which types of Medical Assistance does your clinic accept?

- HealthPartners       Blue Plus       UCare       Straight MA
- None - please refer patients to our low-cost dental resource brochure:



<https://www.co.washington.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/19292/Dental-Brochure>

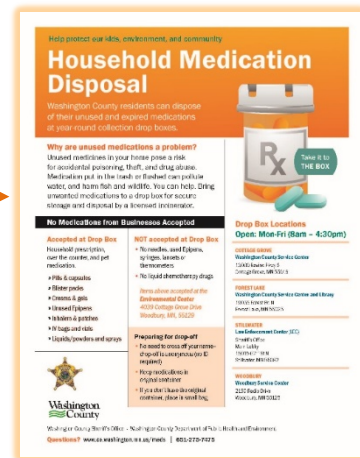
- Check this box if you would like us to mail you some brochures.

For questions regarding low-cost safety net dental services or brochures for your lobby, please call our Child & Teen Checkups program at 651-430-6750.

Thank you for your support!

20. Thank you for helping us promote the Washington County Household Medication Disposal program. Based on your feedback we have added different promotional formats. Please check as applicable below.

- Please mail more rack card brochures
- Please mail an 8 ½” X 11” laminated poster for our lobby
- Please email the pdf for our lobby video display
- Comments or suggestions:



21. How frequently do you assess your patients’ current tobacco use?

- Each visit       Most visits       Some visits       Never

22. How likely are you to provide tobacco cessation resources to your patients?

- Very likely       Somewhat likely       Somewhat unlikely       Very unlikely

23. Would your clinic be interested in receiving tobacco cessation related training and/or resources?

- YES - our staff will be in contact with you.
- NO - please let us know if you change your mind.

**Other agency information relevant to your practice.**

24. Are you familiar with the MN prescription monitoring program (PMP) and the mandatory PMP registration that applies to all licensed physicians and physician assistants and dentists?

- YES. Thank you for your efforts to help control the opioid abuse epidemic. For additional reference please read the [MN Opioid Prescribing Guidelines](#) and the MN Department of Health’s on-line tool: [Opioid Dashboard](#)
- NO - please go to this link and learn more about why it is important for you to get registered: <https://mn.gov/boards/medical-practice/resources/news/?id=21-250650> .  
Please review [The Dangers of Mixing Opioids with Other Drugs](#).

Did you know that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates over 103,000 dental offices use or remove amalgam in the United States and discharge approximately 5.1 tons of mercury each year to Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)s. Dental amalgam contains mercury which is a potent neurotoxin that once released in to the aquatic environment certain bacteria can change mercury into methylmercury a highly toxic form of mercury that bioaccumulates in fish and is the main source of people’s exposure to methylmercury in the U.S.

25. Are you familiar with the new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Dental Effluent Guidelines which now requires the installation of amalgam separators at dental clinics throughout the country?

- YES
- NO - please go to this link and learn more about the new requirements for dental clinics and local POTWs: <https://www.epa.gov/eg/dental-effluent-guidelines-documents>

26. Are you familiar with your local POTW - Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) and their annual Dental Amalgam Recovery Program?

- YES
- NO - please go to this link and learn more: <https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Services/Industrial-Waste/Industrial-Online-Reporting-System/Documentation/Dental-Office-Annual-Statement.aspx> Or contact Peter Berglund at 651-602-4708 or by email at: [peter.berglund@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:peter.berglund@metc.state.mn.us)

27. Do you have any questions or suggestions for improvement?