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# A REVIEW OF HYPOCHLOROUS ACID

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#### Abstract

The surgeon needs to have an inexpensive, available, nontoxic, and practical disinfectant that is effective in sanitizing against the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) virus. The purpose of this article was to review the evidence for using hypochlorous acid in the office setting on a daily basis. The method used to assemble recommendations was a review of the literature including evidence for this solution when used in different locations and industries other than the oral-maxillofacial clinic facility. The results indicate that this material can be used with a high predictability for disinfecting against the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) virus.

#### **Recommendations for Office Use**

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## Importance of Aerosol Size to Disinfection & Application

Individuals working in the dental and medical field using surgical and high-speed handpieces are at risk from aerosolization. Aerosols are defined as particles less than 50µm in diameter. Particles of this size are small enough to stay airborne for an extended period before they settle on environmental surfaces or enter the respiratory tract. Additionally, a true aerosol or droplet nuclei may be present in the air of the operatory for up to 30 minutes after a procedure. PMCID: PMC7315945 PMID: 32653307

### Particles are classified based on size:

Coarse particles measure 2.5 to 10  $\mu$ m; fine particles, 0.1 $\mu$ m to less than 2.5  $\mu$ m; and ultrafine particles, less than 0.1  $\mu$ m. Those nose typically filters air particles larger than 10  $\mu$ m. If a particle is smaller than 10  $\mu$ m, it can enter the respiratory system. If smaller than 2.3  $\mu$ m, it can enter the alveoli. A particle smaller than 0.1  $\mu$ m, or an ultrafine particle, such as the COVID-19 virus, can enter the bloodstream or target the lungs.

Sotiriou et al showed that the concentrations of small particles (<0.5 µm) generated during dental drilling procedures were much higher than the concentrations of larger particles (> 1 µm). Ultrasonic and sonic transmission during nonsurgical procedures had the highest incidence of particle transmission, followed by air polishing, air-water syringe, and highspeed handpiece aerosolization. One study found that ultrasonic instrumentation can transmit 100,000 microbes/ft with aerosolization of up to 6 ft and, if improper air current is present, microbes can last anywhere from 35 minutes to 17 hours.

**Dental Practice**: A study looked at disinfecting outpatient surgical centers using HOCI. After cleaning, the rooms in the HOCI cleaning and disinfection study arm had significantly lower bacterial counts than the rooms that underwent standard cleaning and disinfection.

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