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Infection, Prevention and Control: the role of Immunization.

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Immunization plays an important role in Infection Prevention and Control. Immunization promotes public health and illness prevention, has benefits to the employer, and helps protect employees and their families. Current Canadian immunization and booster recommendations for Dental Health Care Providers will be reviewed.

The CDSBC Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines identify Dental Health Care Providers' responsibilities with regards to immunization, illness and work restrictions, and patient screening. Do you know the difference between "a cold," "the flu," and "gastrointestinal illness," and the guidelines respectively for how many days your patients or yourself should remain away from the clinic to prevent spread of illness? Do you know best practice to minimize spread of illness?

Myths and Misconceptions regarding immunization will be discussed and dialogue encouraged. This will include a critical analysis of the risks of vaccines vs. the risks of illness. The Health Canada protocol for ensuring the safety of vaccines used in Canada will be referenced. The presentation will include guidelines on how to determine if information you hear or read about immunization is evidenced based and credible.

References will be provided and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion at the end of the presentation.