



Why Safe Water Matters

The CDC reports that dental unit waterlines can harbor **harmful bacteria and other microorganisms**

The problem isn't just your water...It's your waterlines.
Water that is safe at the source doesn't guarantee it's safe at the dental chair.

What's Lurking in Your Waterlines

- Pseudomonas
- Legionella
- Nontuberculous Mycobacterium Abscessus



* In untreated water



Georgia Outbreaks: Nontuberculous Mycobacterium (NTM) *Mycobacterium Abscessus*

- Infection requires surgical removal of infected tissue to include removal of several permanent teeth and tooth buds
- Significant alveolar and cortical bone destruction
- IV antibiotics that cause permanent hearing loss

2015

OUTBREAK

20 pediatric patients were infected.
CDC identified the cause as contaminated dental unit water.



2022

OUTBREAK

CDC Health Advisory Issued in October

ACTION: Georgia Board of Dentistry requires Dentists and Hygienists to complete two hours of infection control and prevention continuing education to include dental unit waterlines. [GA Hygienists CE](#) [GA Dentists CE](#)

2024

OUTBREAK

Georgia Board of Dentistry takes immediate action.

ACTION: Dec. 2024, GBD proposes new rule that is adopted Feb. 2025.

2025

NEW DENTAL WATERLINE QUALITY RULE SIGNED BY GOVERNOR: EFFECTIVE 07.20.25

ACTION: Rule adopted requiring quarterly testing of dental waterlines and immediate remediation if test fails. [Georgia 150-8-.05 Dental Unit Water Quality Rule](#)



SAFEWATER SOLUTION

By Sterisil®

The Sterisil® SAFEWATER Solution Protocol

Follow these simple steps for waterline success.

Ensure consistent waterline safety, compliance, and protection for your patients. Regular in-office testing, combined with proper shock protocols, will help you pass more tests, and keep your operatories up and running.

Best Practice Protocol

Monthly



Test in-office with **FASTCheck15™** Waterline Test Strips



Quarterly



Mail-in with **Sterisil® R2A with FASTRead™** Waterline Lab Test



Annually



Sterisil® Straw with Silver ION Technology

Shock with **Citrisil®**



Most manufacturers and ADS* recommend shocking your dental unit waterlines "regularly."

* Shock after Testing

*ADS- Association for Dental Safety, formerly OSAP

Failed a test?

It happens. Here's what to do:

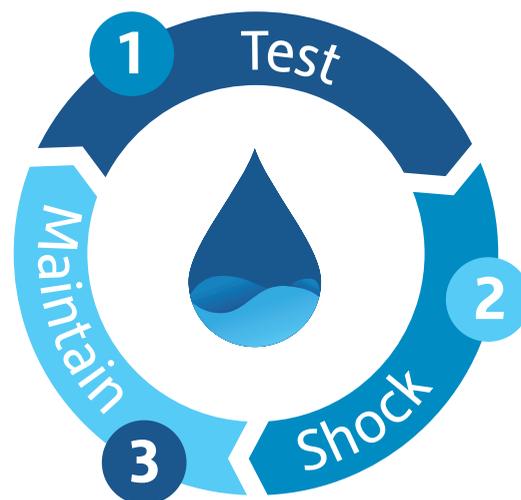
First do this:
Shock and re-test.

Failed again?
Call us. We can help:
877.207.1551, Option 1

FASTCheck15™
Instructions
for Use



Frequently Asked Questions



* The Association for Dental Safety (ADS, formerly known as OSAP) suggests testing monthly until passing two consecutive months. Then, transition to quarterly testing as long as you maintain passing results.