



# 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 to 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:

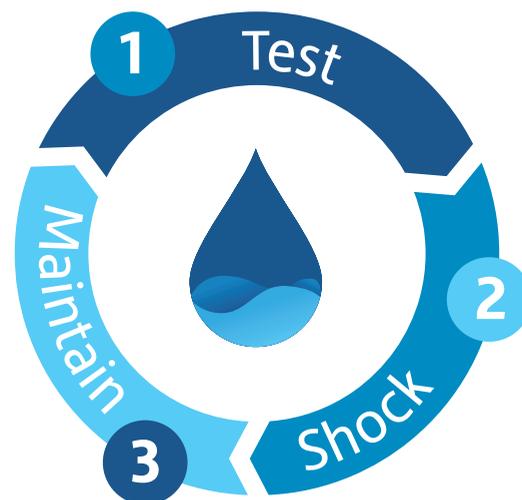
**First do this:**  
Shock and re-test.

**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.