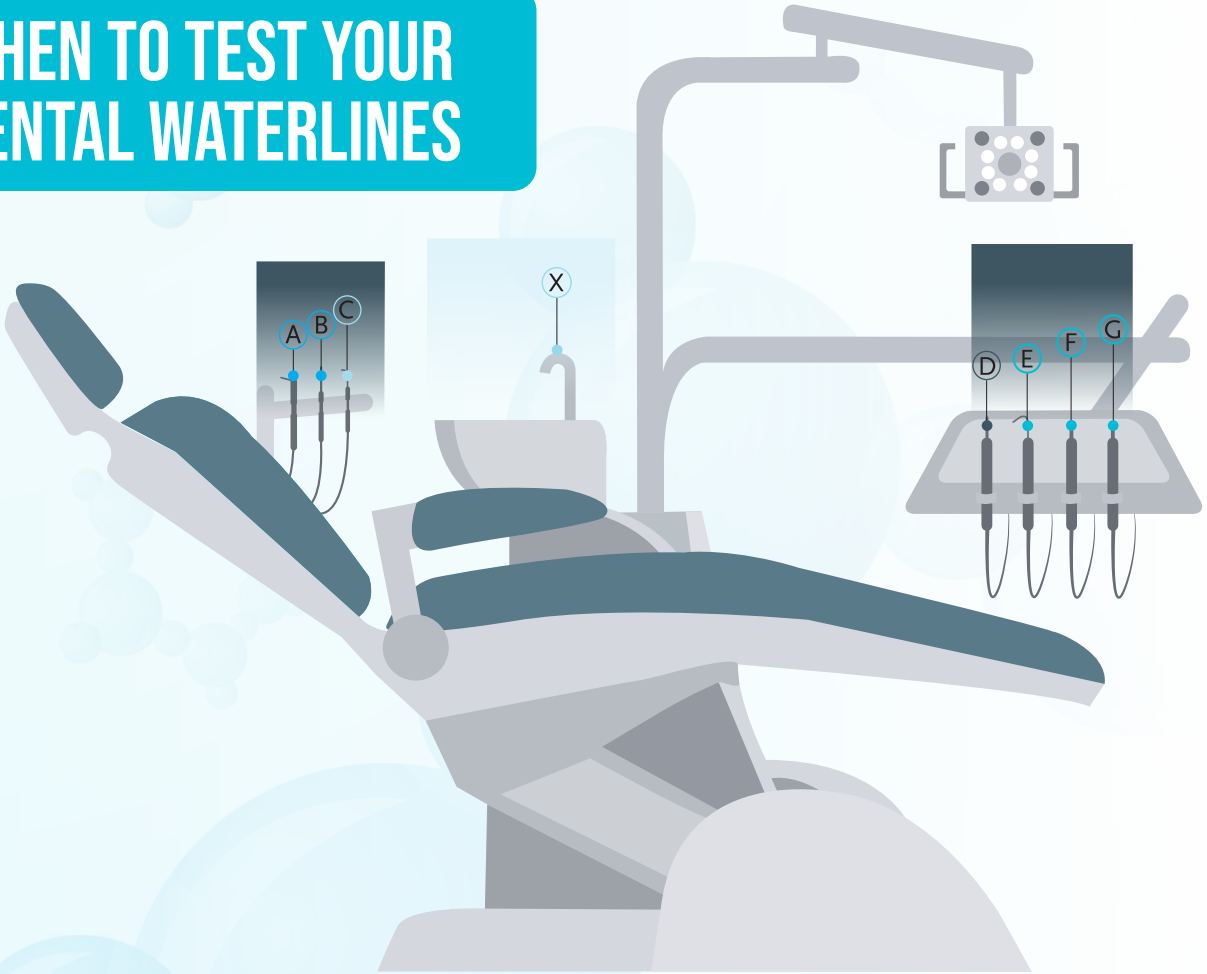


WHEN TO TEST YOUR DENTAL WATERLINES



What to Test?

Water samples should be taken from water sources used during patient treatment: handpieces, air/water syringes, ultrasonic and/or piezo scalers, and the cuspidor cupfill.

When to Test?

Water testing should be done at the beginning of the day; after the waterlines have been flushed and the handpieces, air/water syringes, and scalers have been reattached, as per manufacturer's instructions.

How Often to Test?

Follow waterline cleaner manufacturer's instructions for testing; in the absence of manufacturer recommendations, follow Routine Testing



Quarterly


- Quarterly testing from at least one line/source from each bottle, for example the air/water syringe.
- Do not always test the same line/source. All lines/sources should be tested at least once a year.
- Test the cup fill cuspidor cupfill quarterly.

Monthly

- During the warmest quarter of the year, test a line/source monthly, instead of once quarterly. In addition, test the cuspidor cupfill monthly.

«Fail» Water Test Results

If the water test produces a «fail» result, perform a shock treatment and retest the line/source. Continue the shock and retest until the line/source produces «pass» result. Temporarily increase the frequency of testing from quarterly to monthly for at least 3 months. After 3 consecutive months of «pass» results, return to Routine Testing.

	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			 Quarter 4		
	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH
Handpieces, Scalers, Air/Water Syringes	A B			C			D			E	F	G
Cuspidor Cupfill	X			X			X			X	X	X

This is a sample schedule for the above chair scenario. Quarter 4 was randomly chosen as the warmest quarter. Sources A-G can be tested any quarter, any month, as long as one line/source is tested quarterly monthly in the warmest quarter, and each source is tested at least once a year. Multiple tests can be done on the same day or a different day within the quarter. Customize your schedule to efficiently meet your office's needs.

