

## DentaPure<sup>®</sup> Cartridge Position Statement Microbial Water Quality Testing

All DentaPure<sup>®</sup> cartridges are registered with the EPA for microbiological dental unit waterline purification. The approved labeling provides that when used according to label instructions, DentaPure cartridges will provide dental water with a microbial content of  $\leq 200$  CFU/mL (colony-forming units per milliliter). There is no requirement in the labeling for separate water testing.

In 2003 the CDC released its Infection Control Guidelines for Dentistry recommending that dental water used for treatment have less than 500 CFUs/mL of microbial content. The ADA has also recommended this level. Additionally, the CDC provided that microbial testing be done according to manufactures' recommendations. These are recommendations, and not requirements. Local state jurisdictions may adopt the CDC recommendations as law, and in such cases compliance is required.

DentaPure cartridges meet the standards without a testing requirement. To assure compliance, a copy of the instructions for use (IFU's) should be retained in the office OSHA file, together with office protocol ensuring compliance with the label instructions.

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