



ORTHODONTIC GROUP
Laboratory Infection Control Policy

This policy operates in conjunction with the Laboratory Health and Safety and Governance Policies.

This policy will be reviewed at regular intervals and it is important that you understand it fully and are prepared to answer any questions that clients may ask you about it.

All impressions must be dis-infected by the Dental practice that is sending the lab work. If the impressions have not been disinfected contact the Lab manager immediately.

Laboratory staff should be immunised against blood-borne viruses as identified by Infection control risk assessment and in accordance with available industry guidance. Records of these immunisations should be retained.

The laboratory provides appropriate protective clothing, gloves, eyewear and masks that must be worn by technicians during all production procedures. Protective clothing worn in the laboratory must not be worn outside the laboratory premises.

Before donning gloves, hands must be washed using Hot water with soap solution and/or disinfected with alcohol hand rub.

For infection control purposes working areas will be kept un cluttered with surface area and tools kept to a minimum.

In the event of an injury, the wound should if possible be made/allowed to bleed freely, then washed thoroughly under running water and covered with a waterproof dressing. The incident should be recorded in the accident book and immediately discussed with the lab manager.

All clinical waste must be placed in the appropriate containers provided in each area. When no more than three quarters full the containers must be securely fastened and stored in industrial waste storage area (designated area).

All dental impressions, not marked as disinfected, must be rinsed until visibly clean and disinfected using Perform or similar disinfectant for the specified time and at specified concentration. Once this is done, they are labelled as 'disinfected' before being sent to the production area.



Any accidental spillages involving a potentially hazardous substance must be reported to the lab manager. Any spillages will be cleaned in accordance with the data sheet instructions provided with the substance.

Anyone developing a reaction to any substance compound or chemical or the protective gloves must inform First Aid Representative immediately.

Eating, drinking and smoking is strictly prohibited in any receiving, production or dispatch area.

Appliances being returned to the Dental practice should be in a clean condition (not disinfected). They are not in a sterile state when they leave the laboratory.

ALL STAFF WILL OBSERVE TOTAL CONFIDENTIALITY IN ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO CLIENTS OF THE LABORATORY.

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