

Cross infection control policy

1. Preparation, administration, despatch, incoming and outgoing work areas are kept separate from other working areas within the laboratory to prevent cross contamination.
2. The laboratory provides appropriate PPE including 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.
3. Work bench areas are to be kept uncluttered and tools are to be kept to a minimum. All work areas are cleaned and disinfected at the beginning and the end of each work day.
4. All impressions are checked upon receipt to ensure they have been disinfected and cleaned before being sent to the laboratory, those with blood still present in the impression are returned back to the dental practice.
5. Following acceptance, impressions are disinfected with Mikrozid spray before casting the impressions. Dental Technicians handling the impressions use PPE whilst doing so. Disposal of any packaging, bags or tissues in contact with the impression are discarded in our hazardous waste bin.
6. All plasters, gloves, materials are classed as hazardous waste and are treated as such and disposed of in our hazardous waste bin which is emptied daily and collected weekly.
7. Plaster traps are emptied daily and are strictly for laboratory work. Polishing lathes with pumice are changed with added disinfectant and disposed daily. Dust extractor units are emptied weekly.
8. Denture repairs from the public are handled with PPE and are disinfected before work is commenced. Shade taking and consultations are handled with PPE.
9. All finished cases leaving the laboratory are cleaned with detergents and ultra sonics but not sterilized. All crown & bridge and implants cases are steam cleaned but not sterilized. The Dental Practice is responsible for the disinfection and sterilization of appliances before placing them into the patients mouth.
10. In the event of an inoculation injury, the wound should be allowed to bleed freely and then washed thoroughly under running water and covered with a waterproof dressing or plaster. The incident should be recorded in the accident work book and discussed with Kashif Qureshi to assess the situation.
11. Any accidental spillages involving hazardous substances should be reported to

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Kashif Qureshi. Any persons developing reactions or allergies to any substance, chemicals or PPE must be reported to Kashif Qureshi.

12. All employees receive an induction into PPE and cross infection control as part of training. Food, drink or smoking is strictly prohibited in production work areas.