



INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

All staff will be trained in the following procedure:

1. All staff must be immunised against diphtheria, pertussis (Whooping cough), poliomyelitis, rubella, tetanus and their seroconversion checked. For those who do not seroconvert, medical advice and counselling is required. This also applies to those who cannot be immunised because they are immunosuppressed, for example those taking steroids for asthma. In these cases it may be necessary to restrict clinical activities.
2. The laboratory provides protective clothing, gloves, eyewear and masks these should be worn when working in the laboratory. Protective clothing worn in the laboratory should not be worn outside the laboratory premises.
3. Hands should be washed using a rapid antimicrobial skin cleanser, both before donning gloves and, if contaminated, after glove removal. Gloves are a single use item and should never be re-used. If the gloves cause a reaction then the person in charge of personal protective equipment must be made aware.
4. All impressions will be disinfected using 'Disifin' disinfectant tablets (Chloramine- T) according to the products instructions.
5. All working areas should be washed and surface disinfectant applied at the start of a new job and at the finish.
6. Waste should be disposed of correctly including disposable impression trays. Local authorities must be notified so they can come and remove appropriate waste materials.
7. All food consumption is carried out in the designated area.
8. Before the job is returned to the surgery it is cleaned and returned in a suitable condition. Please note that the appliances are returned unsterilised as part of the British Dental Association Good Practice Scheme it is the surgery's responsibility to ensure they are adequately disinfected before placing in the patient's mouth.
9. In the event of an inoculation injury, the wound should be made to bleed, washed thoroughly in running water and covered with a waterproof dressing. The issues must be recorded in the accident book and discussed with employer to assess whether further action needs to be taken.
10. ALL STAFF WILL OBSERVE TOTAL CONFIDENTIALITY IN ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO CLIENTS OF THIS LABORATORY