

RJS Dental Laboratory LTD Infection Control Policy

A high standard of infection control is of prime importance in this laboratory. It is essential to the safety of all who encounter our laboratory. Every member of staff will receive training in all aspects of infection control, including decontamination of impressions, appliances and equipment, this policy must always be adhered to. If there is any aspect that is not clear, please ask, MATTHEW PRIEST, Laboratory Infection Control Lead.

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.

- 1- 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.
- 2- 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.
- 3- Before donning gloves, hands must be washed using anti-bacterial handwash.
- 4- Impressions will be disinfected using ETHANOL AND DIDECYLDIMETHYL AMMONIUM CHLORIDE.
- 5- All working areas will be kept to a minimum, clearly identified and, after session, cleaned with detergent and disinfectant wipes containing ETHANOL AND DIDECYLDIMETHYL AMMONIUM CHLORIDE.
- 6- In the event of an inoculation 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 MATTHEW PRIEST to assess whether further action is needed. Advice on post-exposure prophylaxis can be obtained from MATTHEW PRIEST.
- 7- 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 a designated area in the lab.
- 8- All dental impressions, not marked as disinfected, must be rinsed until visibly clean and disinfected using ETHANOL AND DIDECYLDIMETHYL AMMONIUM CHLORIDE and labelled as 'Disinfected' before being sent to the production area. Appliances and work being returned to the dental practice should also be disinfected and labelled.
- 9- Any accidental spillages involving a potentially hazardous substance will be reported to MATTHEW PRIEST.
- 10- Anyone developing a reaction to any substance compound or chemical or the protective gloves must inform MATTHEW PRIEST immediately.
- 11- All staff involved with clinical procedures must receive appropriate training in all aspects of infection control including decontamination. This should be reviewed and recorded annually.
- 12- Eating, drinking and smoking is STRICTLY PROHIBITED in any receiving, production or dispatch area.

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

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