

## **Optimum Dental Laboratory Infection Control Policy**

A high standard of infection control is of prime importance to Optimum Dental Laboratory. All members of staff will receive training in all aspects of infection control, including decontamination of impressions, appliances and equipment as part of their induction to the company in addition refresher training will be provided on an on going basis.

This policy operates in conjunction with the laboratory health and safety policies, and is reviewed at regular intervals.

1. It is a requirement that all work received by the laboratory is disinfected by the dental practice prior to dispatch, this should be confirmed on the lab ticket.
2. All dental impressions, not marked as disinfected, are rinsed until visibly clean and disinfected using Disifin and labelled as 'disinfected' before being sent to the production area.
3. Impressions will be disinfected using Disifin disinfectant.
4. 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.
5. Before donning gloves, hands are washed using the laboratory's preferred hand wash/disinfectant.
6. All working areas will be kept to a minimum, clearly identified and, after session, cleaned with detergent and disinfected using Disifin.
7. 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 the laboratory manager to assess whether further action is needed.
8. All clinical waste is 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 the designated area.
9. All completed work is checked by a GDC Registered Technician sprayed with a dental disinfectant and packed using new clean packing materials. All paperwork e.g. invoices are kept separate in a sealed sleeve.
10. Smoking is strictly prohibited in all areas of the laboratory

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