

Laboratory 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 come into contact with our laboratory. All relative members of staff will receive appropriate training in all aspects of infection control, including decontamination of impressions, appliances and equipment.

This policy operates in conjunction with the Laboratory Health & Safety and governance policies and in accordance with DAMAS.

All staff who are involved in the production process of preparing and casting impressions must be immunised against Hepatitis B. The laboratory provides protective clothing, gloves, eyewear and masks that must be worn by technicians during all production procedures. Protective clothing worn in the laboratory should not be worn outside the laboratory premises. Before donning gloves, hands must be washed using a hand sanitiser. Impressions will be disinfected using Mikrozyd AF liquid. *All working areas after a model production session will be cleaned with an anti-bacterial cleaner.

All dental impressions, not marked as disinfected, must be rinsed until visibly clean and disinfected using Mikrozyd AF liquid. Appliances and work being returned to the dental practice should also be disinfected according to BDA-BDTA-DLA guidelines. That is in a 1% solution of sodium hypochlorite for 10 minutes and then rinsed under the tap.

The technician that has the responsibility of taking the shade should wear the appropriate clothing and wash their hands with a sanitised solution/gel and gloves must be worn. Gloves should be disposable and changed between patients. Whilst attending a patient, it is important not to go off and do unrelated work due to the risk of cross infection. Any shade guide or tabs used for taking the patient's shade will be disinfected before and after use.

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

***During the Covid-19 pandemic changes have been made to the handling of impressions. All impressions received at the lab are now disinfected with Disifin in one location on arrival, before being worked on anywhere in the lab.**