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Q2 dentist or dental specialist

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Q5

No

Do you support the proposed Supplementary risk management principles for oral health during the COVID-19 pandemic? If you do not support the draft, please share your concerns, reasons for your view, and proposed alternatives if you have any.

Q6

Please share any comments you have below:

Most of the proposal makes sense and I would be happy with most of the proposal. Allowing dentists and dental specialists to assess the risk profile of each individual patient prior to treatment is a pragmatic way to achieve the highest level of safety for the dental team and also the patients. Also - having different PPE requirements for differing risks is a good idea.

The part I don't understand and don't agree with is the requirement to change our outer protective layer(or the use of a plastic apron) after each and every patient appointment including for those who are low risk.

You state 'The PPE changes are informed by a greater understanding of the spread of the COVID-19 virus -such as lower risk of fomite transmission than previously thought, research and papers, international experience, ongoing supply chain demands, and recognition of the ongoing, significant increase in waste being generated.'

The use of an outer protective layer for each and every low risk patient completely contradicts this statement and is wasteful. Based on what you stated, it is unlikely to achieve any extra protection for the dental team and our patients when treating this category of patient.

It would make more sense if the requirement to change outer protective layer was only for moderate or high risk individuals.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.
