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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:

Its not that I don't support them, I do, but there are some aspects of the proposed changes that I do not think are workable and could do with changing

1, Changing plastic aprons between each patients. I disagree with this and feel it should be changed. My resonating is as follows: 1. It seems inconsistent to have a mask for a session, yet change a gown every patient. 2. It is incredibly wasteful and terrible le for the environment 3. There are better ways to combat Covid

2. The vaccination status of patients. Whilst I absolutely appreciate that being vaccinated reduce risk of covid transmission, it will be difficult for our reception staff to police this. I think this would lead to a lot of aggression being taken out on our staff. I also think that the administrative burden on the practice is very high

3. Ventilation. This is very important but retrofitting this to practices can be very difficult and costly. You have made recommendations on best practice as part of these guidelines. However, you have not mandated it. So that practices can do the right thing, it is important that ventilation best practice is made clear well in advance of it being mandated by the dental council along with giving us a realistic timeframe by which we can install it.

4. An n95 mask has been proven to be effective at limiting transmission of covid. I feel this would be a relatively simple thing we can do to limit the risk of covid within our practices and would recommend mandating use of n95 masks as part of standard precautions.
