

To NZDC IC Consultation.

I understand the need to act with speed during a pandemic so I will try to be brief.

Theoretical concerns;

Lack of evidence quoted/referenced in guidance to actual changes only other documents acknowledged.

Lack of consistency in treating unvaccinated pts eg unvax children in large rooms.

Lack of use of rapid testing.

Lack of collaboration between sustainability experts and infection control experts to minimise unintended adverse environmental effects as a result of care that offers no proven patient benefit.

Practical concerns;

Addition of single use aprons/ or routine changing of gowns per patient in low risk situations.

Lack of any insight to the spitting/rinsing use of spittoon in a practice.

Wording around 'provide a medical mask' at the start and end of treatment. This should be to encourage pt to bring own medical grade mask, offer one if necessary and encourage their reuse for patient.

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