Toothworx Ltd

Cross-Infection Control Policy

INFORMATION FOR THE BDA GOOD PRACTICE SCHEME – TOOTHWORX LTD DENTAL LABORATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE

We are registered with the Medical Devices Agency, so that you can be sure that the alloys and materials we use are of the highest standards and meet all legal requirements

Toothworx Ltd Dental Laboratory Cross-Infection Control Policy

We ask our clients as part of their cross-infection control procedures to ensure that all impressions are rinsed and disinfected before the are posted to Toothworx Ltd Dental Laboratory Ltd. However, in order to protect our staff we also routinely disinfect all unlabelled impressions entering the lab

Our staff are at risk from bacterial, fungal and viral infections if impressions are not correctly dealt with. A “dirty’ impression will make a dirty model causing potential inhalation risks as work is sectioned out and dies are trimmed.

Disinfection procedure

- People handling un-disinfected impressions must wear gloves.
- All work coming into the lab must be rinsed and then dipped or sprayed.
- Work is immersed in a bath of Perform ID made up to the manufacturer’s instructions.
- A timer should be used to ensure that work is not immersed for over 10 minutes as this can cause distortion
- Alginate impressions should be sprayed rather than dipped.
- After disinfection impressions should be rinsed in running water.

Procedure

- Procedure Rinse impressions and prosthetic materials under running water.
- Dissolve 1 sachet of Perform-ID by scattering in 2L lukewarm water.
- Place impressions in solution and leave for 10 mins
- Remove and rinse again under running water

Perform-ID – detalls

- (BDA accredited- effective against bacteria and fungi, HVB, HIV and TbB)

Usage

- For all prosthetic materials and dental impressions of silicone, polyether and alginate
- A broad microbiological effect with short submersion time (10 mins) tested material compatibility and dimensional stability for impressions and good cleaning effect.

Contains

- Potassium peroxomonosulphate
- Sodium benzoate
- Tartaric acid

Plaster trap

- The plaster trap is a potential source of cross infection as undisinfected impressions are rinsed here
- Laboratory sinks are strictly used for technical work – strictlv no food or drinks residue.
- Plaster trap to be emptied weekly. People doing this job to wear protective glasses and gloves

Shade Taking

- Gloves should be worn
- Denture repairs
- Patient should be given a plastic bag for their denture which must be taken through to the plaster room and treated in the same way as an impression before repair work Is carried out.

General

- Both technical & admin staff must have a Hepatitis B vaccination
- No food is to be consumed in laboratory areas

Work leaving the lab

- Work leaving the lab is clean, but not sterilised. Under the Medical Devices regulations there is a note on our lab tickets to this effect. It is the dentist’s responsibility to decide whether work should be disinfected before fitting in the patient’s mouth

End of Day routine

- Worksurfaces where work has been received from dentists are to be cleaned using a disinfectant spray
- Baths of Perform to be emptied and made up ready for the following day.

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