

TEREC LABORATORY INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

A high standard of infection control is of prime importance in a Terec laboratory. It is essential to the safety of all who come into contact with the laboratory. Every member of staff will receive training in all aspects of infection control, including decontamination of impressions, appliances and equipment. This policy must be adhered to at all times.

1. Laboratory staff should be immunised against blood-borne viruses as identified by infection control risk assessment and including diphtheria, hepatitis B, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, rubella, TB and tetanus and in accordance with available industry guidance. Records of these immunisations should be retained.
2. The laboratory provides appropriate protective clothing, gloves, eyewear and masks that must be worn by technicians during all production procedures. Protective clothing worn in the laboratory must not be worn outside the laboratory premises.
3. Before donning gloves, hands must be washed using a hand sanitizer
4. Impressions will be disinfected using disinfectant, perform or alternative disinfectant.
5. All working areas will be kept to a minimum, clearly identified and, after session, cleaned with a strong detergent and disinfected using disinfectant, perform or alternative disinfectant.
6. In the event of an inoculation injury, the wound should if possible be made/allowed to bleed freely, then washed thoroughly under running water and covered with a waterproof dressing. The incident should be recorded in the accident book and immediately discussed with the laboratory manager or director to assess whether further action is needed.
7. All clinical waste must be placed in the appropriate containers provided in each area. When no more than three quarters full the containers must be securely fastened, stored and safely disposed of in accordance with H&S legislation.
8. All dental impressions, not marked as disinfected, must be rinsed until visibly clean and disinfected using disinfectant, perform or alternative disinfectant and labelled as 'disinfected' before being sent to the production area. Appliances and work being returned to the dental practice should also be disinfected and labelled.
9. Any accidental spillages involving a potentially hazardous substance will be reported to the laboratory director.
10. Anyone developing a reaction to any substance compound or chemical or the protective gloves must inform the laboratory director immediately.
11. All staff involved with clinical procedures must receive appropriate training in all aspects of infection control including decontamination. This should be reviewed and recorded annually.
12. Eating, drinking and smoking is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** in any receiving, production or despatch area.

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