

Safety Measures in our Dental Practice

7 Protocols of the Clinical Team

We adhere to usual standard and transmission-based precautions in operatory but with greater attention to detail and ensure that procedures are followed consistently and correctly.

Hand Hygiene is performed by our staff

- ❖ Before and after all patient contact, contact with potentially infectious material, and before putting on and after removing personal protective equipment (PPE), including gloves.
- ❖ After removing PPE in order to remove any pathogens that might have been transferred to bare hands during the removal process.
- ❖ Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Personal Protective Equipment

- ❖ Wear PPE (masks, gloves, cap, eye protection, face shields, gowns (N95 masks when around confirmed cases)
- ❖ Masks are one time use and replace if soiled
- ❖ N95 respirators should be used instead of a facemask when performing or present for an aerosol-generating procedure.

Eye Protection

- ❖ Put on eye protection (i.e., goggles or a disposable face shield that covers the front and sides of the face) upon entry to the patient room or care area.
- ❖ Remove eye protection before leaving the patient room or care area.
- ❖ Reusable eye protection (e.g., goggles) must be cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturer's reprocessing instructions prior to re-use.

Gloves

- ❖ Put on clean, non-sterile gloves upon entry into the patient room or care area.
- ❖ Change gloves if they become torn or heavily contaminated. n Remove and discard gloves when leaving the patient room or care area, and immediately perform hand hygiene.

Gowns

- ❖ Put on a clean isolation gown upon entry into the patient room or area.
- ❖ Change the gown if it becomes soiled. Remove and discard the gown in a dedicated container for waste or linen before leaving the patient room or care area. Disposable gowns should be discarded and cloth gowns should be laundered after each use.
- ❖ Gowns should be prioritized for all aerosol-generating procedures and during



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activities where splashes and sprays are anticipated.