

Single Use Medical Devices-Dental

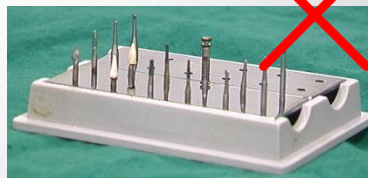
A Single use medical device is intended to be used on **ONE** person during a **SINGLE** procedure and then **DISCARDED**. A Single use device is not intended to be reprocessed and used on another person.

SINGLE USE



This ICON identifies the device as single use & disposable. It means it is not intended to be reprocessed and used again. This will appear on packaging but might not be present on the individual item. If in doubt, further advice should be sought from the manufacturer.

Suction tips & 3 in 1 tips should be single use. They should be left in packaging until point of use. No single use items should be stored loosely in drawers, cupboards, storage racks.



Local Anaesthetic cartridges should remain in original packaging until point of use. This maintains sterility/ cleanliness and minimises risk of transmission of potential infection.

Complications of re-use

- **Transmission of infection because of inability to sterilise, e.g. lumen devices, during decontamination process.**
- **Chemical residue (Leaching) : some plastics absorb solutions over time and could result in chemical burns/ or sensitisation.**
- **Degradation of the device due to re processing.**

If you do re use or re process a single use device, you are in breach of national policy and will be committing an offence under the Consumer Protection Act 1987. Employer/ Employee may also be liable for damages and costs for any harm proven to have taken place because of re use.



Please contact Karen Jones on 01744 457314/ 01744 457312 if you require any additional advice/support.