

* ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

Single
Point
Lesson

What is environmental cleaning?

Environmental cleaning: processes associated with cleaning and disinfection of surfaces and substances that can pose a risk of harm to patients

'What shall I clean with?'

A good quality detergent, hand hot water and disposable cloths should be used for general cleaning. Use the National colour coding for all mops and cloths. Disinfectants should only be used when necessary e.g. bodily fluid contamination/spillage or areas prone to aerosol contamination. Wipes would be advised to reduce risk of aerosol exposure to chemicals used.



Decontamination of Equipment

- All equipment and medical devices must be stored in a clean and dry environment to eradicate the risk of cross contamination.
- Equipment must be maintained and cleaned regularly and whenever it becomes contaminated. A record of cleaning must be kept
- Manufacturers guidance for cleaning should be followed.
- **Always** wear appropriate PPE when cleaning.

Cleaning schedules should be displayed for the public to see



- **CLEANING SCHEDULES SHOULD BE IN PLACE DETAILING WHAT NEEDS TO BE CLEANED AND THE FREQUENCY**
- *Domestic staff/dental staff/contracted cleaning agencies who perform cleaning duties in the practice should have a specific cleaning schedules*
- *Surgeries/ Local Decontamination Units (LDU's) should have specific cleaning schedules*

Don't forget to decontaminate ALL equipment e.g.

1. Light Curing equipment
2. Amalgam Capsule mixers
3. X-ray heads/ operation panels/switches
4. Decontamination equipment
5. Shade guides/Willis bite Gauge

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