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Your details

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Q4

Please add your Dental Council Person ID registration number

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Q5

No

Do you support the proposed Supplementary risk management principles for oral health during the COVID-19 pandemic? If you do not support the draft, please share your concerns, reasons for your view, and proposed alternatives if you have any.

Q6

Please share any comments you have below:

I largely support the proposal. I however challenge the basis for the requirement to change short sleeve gowns or aprons for every patient under every circumstance. Aside from the enormous environmental cost and waste from single use plastics (in the event of choosing the practical option of aprons) I am concerned about the safety of this to the practitioner and other staff. The DCNZ has stated many times that it is unconcerned with practitioner safety, and is focused on public safety alone. The risk of transmission to the practitioner from worn PPE occurs at the time of doffing, and the requirement to change between patients increases this risk as a multiplier of the number of patients seen. This against a backdrop of no evidence of viral transmission from a gown to a patient in a dental setting.
