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Q4

Please add your Dental Council Person ID registration number

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Q5

Yes

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:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback

I am concerned about the requirement to change gowns or wear a new plastic apron for every patient when providing dental care for all low and medium risk patients.

I have not found any evidence that a plastic apron covering my chest would provide additional protection from aerosol transmission when I am already wearing a mask, glasses and an impervious gown.

I have concerns about the environmental impact when disposing multiple single use plastic aprons especially as there is no evidence that these reduce risk of transmission (especially in a low/medium patient group) .

I also question if a medium risk group is required?

Vaccination primarily reduces severity of illness but is less effective at reducing transmission. I question if an unvaccinated person who does not meet any other clinical risk criteria should be placed in a separate risk category. Instead there should be two pathways based on epidemiological and clinical history - low risk or high risk.
