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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.

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Please share any comments you have below:

In general, I support the draft guidelines, however I am concerned about the recommendation that either a gown is changed after each patient contact or a plastic apron is worn over the gown and this is discarded after each patient contact. There is very little scientific evidence to support the transmission of Sars-Cov-2 via fomites. With the use of aerosol controls such as HVE, the spread of aerosol in the clinical setting will be reduced and the potential for spread of infection via the surface of a gown will be minimal. If a gown is worn only in the clinical setting - i.e. the procedure rooms or sterilising rooms as advised by the current DCNZ IPC Guidelines - then the risk of transmission of Sars-Cov-2 from patient to staff member, staff member to patient or staff member to staff member will be minimal via a gown. The environmental cost of using a plastic apron for each patient contact is significant and the advantages gained are minimal, if any.
