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Notification

Protocol for Blue Zone (Department of Periodontics)

Clinicians:

- Clinicians will be in autoclaved scrubs, head cap, hospital foot wear, 3 ply mouth mask and carry out periodic hand sanitization.
- Required **not to** wear any jewellery, hand watch, rings.
- Before performing procedure, change to N95 mask, wear protective eye wear, fresh head cap, foot covers, perform hand hygiene, don gown, use hand sanitizer and don sterile surgical gloves. Face shield can be additionally used.
- To perform procedure after donning PPE, avoid touching instrument trays, counter tops etc to minimize contamination.
- Informed consent for the treatment to be signed by patient mandatory

Nursing Staff:

- Same protocols to be followed for nursing staff.

Attenders:

- Two ply mouth mask, gloves and apron to be worn
- Water reservoir of the dental chair can be added with 2.5% sodium hypochlorite or 0.5% hydrogen peroxide
- To disinfect the dental chair after each patient: All surfaces on the dental chairs and attachments, instrument tray should also be cleaned with appropriate disinfectant (70% Alcohol, 0.5% Hydrogen peroxide, 0.1 % Sodium Hypochlorite for 1 min) after every patient.
- To strictly categorize the used and unused instruments : The instruments should be left in covered tray with alcohol-based disinfectant or sodium hypochlorite solution for minimum 20-30 minutes followed by cleaning the instruments in an Ultrasonic bath and finally autoclaving.

- To ensure the instruments are handed over for sterilisation

House Keeping:

- Two ply mouth mask or equivalent, utility gloves, shoe covers and apron to be worn
- To mop the floor in the orange zone after every two hours using 1% Hypochlorite solution (three bucket system)
- To wipe all hard surfaces using disinfectant: The waiting room/clinic including the handles and doors, seating chairs, bathrooms as well as dental chairs and other surfaces should be wiped after every one hour with alcohol based disinfectant
- Environmental surfaces or objects contaminated with blood, other body fluids, secretions or excretions should be cleaned and disinfected using standard hospital detergents/disinfectants e.g. freshly prepared 1% Sodium Hypochlorite or 5% Lysol. Spray the surface with 0.5% to 1% solution of Sodium Hypochlorite. The contact period of the chemical with the surface should be min. of 30 Minutes