

Operational Implications and Risk Assessment of COVID-19 in Dental Practices

We invite you to fill this survey questionnaire for our study and thank you in advance for your participation.

Please indicate your consent: I have read the invitation letter and I have understood the nature of this proposed study. I Consent to participate in the study. I understand that my participation in this study will not lead to any financial benefits.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other

Demographic data

Gender			
Age			
Experience			
Qualification	GD	Specialist	Consultant

	Yes	No
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Public sector practitioner		
Private section practitioner		

Works in:	Private clinic	Hospital
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Financial impact

	Yes	No
After COVID-19 do you think we need to plan our finances better for the long term?		
Do you think working along with the associates will help distribute the fixed costs more appropriately?		
Do we need to invest more to attract patients?		
Do we need to invest further so that the patient feels safer?		

Psychological impact

	Yes	No
Do negativity, stress, unhealthy diet & sleep pattern effect disease pattern		
Symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PSTD) have been positively associated with the duration of quarantine		

Patient's Satisfaction

	Yes	No
Should all patients with pre-booked appointments be contacted and advised to avoid attending if non-urgent cases.		
Will you accept urgent cases during lockdown?		
Do you agree that a patient should be accompanied by only one person		
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When compiling patient notes, should history of the symptoms be noted		
Should a additional section be included for the COVID-19 safety checklist?		

Hygiene

	Yes	No
Would you advise immune-compromised patients to use electronic toothbrush?		
Should patients be provided with advice regarding ongoing personal hygiene as a preventative measure?		
Patient provided with appropriate after-care instructions to avoid follow-up appointments where possible		
Should non-disposable toothbrush be cleaned with anti-microbial agent like Chlorhexidine		
Should a 2% hydrogen peroxide mouthwash be used prior to procedure		
Regular cleaning of touched surfaces		
Do mouth wash or dental floss help in the prevention of virus spread?		
Use of full PPE or surgical gown, respirator, face shield		
Cleaning of floors 5 minutes after patient leave with water and 1% sodium hypochlorite		
Disposables should be double wrapped		

Patient Management

	Yes	No
When entering the hospital, patients and anyone accompanying them should wear a face mask.		
Ask about the presence of fever or other symptoms consistent with COVID-19		
Take the patient's temperature		
Triage all patients in need of dental care to reduce patients wait times in the waiting area.		

Lockdown in COVID-19 pandemic

	Yes	No
Are your patients mentally effected after lock down		
Have you practiced or learnt anything after the pandemic		
Do you agree of dental clinics closure during lockdown		

Your Perspective

	Yes	No
Telehealth / Telemedicine		
Change in mindset for professional and scientific approach.		
Do you think wearing a respirator causes hindrance in effective communication between you and the patient?		
Avoid intra oral X-ray		
A tooth is extensively carious go for extraction		
Rubber dam (non-latex) for RCT		
Aerosol suction while using high speed hand piece		
Manual scaling verses ultrasonic scaling		
Change of face mask after every patient		
Use of air conditioner along with open windows for ventilation		
Use of anti-retraction hand piece		
Do we pass the cost of increased spending on safety equipment e.g., PPEs to the patients / patient's insurance companies?		
Is mobile dentistry a competitive advantage		

Practicing Dentistry Post-COVID-19

	Yes	No
Is mobile dentistry a competitive advantage		
Will there be changes in professional and profitable practice.		
Will there be a change of scenario over the next 5 years		

Thank you.