

Review of Guidelines on infection control: public consultation

Introduction

The Dental Board of Australia (the Board) wants to make it easier for practitioners to know and understand the professional expectations around infection prevention and control to help them practice safely.

As part of this, the Board is reviewing its *Guidelines on infection control*. The Board is consulting on whether to shift the information contained in the guidelines to more accessible and helpful tools and resources, such as a one-stop fact sheet and a self-reflective tool.

Please ensure you have read the public consultation paper and attachments before answering this survey.

Publication of your responses

Please let us know if you would like your responses published.

- Yes, I would like my responses to be published
- Please do not publish my responses

About your responses

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

- Yes
- No

Your organisation

Please enter your organisation's name below:

Australian Dental Prosthetists Association Ltd

The following questions will help us to gather information about the Board's proposal.

Please ensure you have read the public consultation papers before responding.

Q1. Which of the Board's proposed options do you prefer?

- Option 1 - keep and revise the guidelines
- Option 2 - replace the guidelines with other supporting resources
- Other

Q1. Why do you prefer Option 2 - replace the guidelines with other supporting resources?

It reduces a further level of regulation when the Code of conduct outlines practitioner obligations to practice safely in relation to infection prevention and control.

Q2. If you prefer option 1, to keep and revise the guidelines, do you have any suggestions about the language, structure or content of the draft revised guidelines (**Attachment C**)?

N/A

Q3a. Would replacing the guidelines with other supporting resources result in any unintended consequences or costs for **dental practitioners**?

- Yes
- No
- Other

Q3a. Please describe or quantify any unintended consequences or costs for **dental practitioners**.

An unintended impact could be the time it takes practitioners to become familiar with the new supporting resources and how they are mapped to the Code of conduct. And, getting used to the idea that the very prescriptive guidelines have been removed and replaced with resources, guidelines, and self-reflective practice tools to help practitioners to meet obligations under the Code of conduct to practice safely.

Q3b. Would replacing the guidelines with other supporting resources result in any unintended consequences or costs for **dental practices**?

- Yes
- No
- Other

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Q3c. Would replacing the guidelines with other supporting resources result in any unintended consequences or costs for **patients or consumers**?

- Yes
- No
- Other

Q3d. Would replacing the guidelines with other supporting resources result in any unintended consequences or costs for **members of the community vulnerable to harm**?

- Yes
- No
- Other

Q3e. Would replacing the guidelines with other supporting resources result in any unintended consequences or costs for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**?

- Yes
- No
- Other

Q4. Do you have any suggestions about the language, structure or content of the draft revised fact sheet (**Attachment D**)?

- Yes
- No

Q5. Do you have any suggestions about the language, structure or content of the draft self-reflective tool (**Attachment E**)?

- Yes
- No

Q6. Do you have any other feedback about the Board's proposal?

Having additional resources will allow for greater flexibility in a changing environment, and resources such as the self-reflective tool and fact sheet can be updated and modified on a more regular basis than full guidelines can.