

Current Cross infection and decontamination issues in dentistry

Core CPD



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Infection control and prevention works on two levels it is both directly relevant to everyday life in dental practice and a major component of the bigger geopolitical issues that affect all of us – globalisation, global warming and regime change!

This lecture will focus on challenges in infection control and decontamination and practical solutions in dentistry.

Learning Objectives

- 1 Describe current cross infection issues
- 2 Recognise reasons for implementing effective infection control procedures in a dental environment.
- 3 Explore the practices and procedures for implementing effective infection control.