



Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Lapse Report

Initial Report

Premises/facility under investigation:

Gallery Dental Centre

Address:

1200 Brock St S, Whitby ON L1N 4L9

Type of premises/facility: Dental Clinic

IPAC Lapse Details

Date board of health became aware of potential IPAC lapse: 2019-11-05

How the potential IPAC lapse was identified: Complaint

Summary description of the IPAC lapse by complainant:

Complaint received about general reprocessing procedures potentially not being followed according to the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario and Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee on Infection Prevention and Control (PIDAC) guidelines.

IPAC Lapse Investigation

Did the IPAC lapse involve a member of a regulatory college? Yes

If yes, was the issue referred to the regulatory college? Yes

Please provide name of the regulatory college(s) and date(s) referred:

Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (2019-11-07)

Were any corrective measures recommended and/or implemented? Yes

Please provide further details/steps:

1. All owners/operators and staff responsible for cleaning and reprocessing dental/medical devices and equipment must be trained on cleaning, disinfection and sterilization.
2. Ensure all unpackaged reprocessed dental equipment/devices are placed on hold and re-sterilized in correct packages.

3. Ensure all sterilizers are tested with a biological indicator (i.e. spore test) each day the sterilizer is used.
4. Ensure all reusable equipment/devices are sterilized in proper packages and stored to maintain sterility until point of use.
5. Ensure all sterilized packages/pouches are labelled with the date of sterilization, batch number/lot number, sterilizer used, and the initial of the reprocessor.
6. Ensure ultrasonic cleaner is tested for sonification performance at least weekly.
7. Ensure all sterilization parameters (physical, chemical and biological) are documented and recorded.
8. Written policies and procedures are needed to be developed with respect to infection prevention and control (IPAC) practices, reprocessing and quality assurance program.
9. Ensure sharps container is provided at point of use/care or transported to the reprocessing area in a covered container with a hard plastic cover/cassette.

Date any order(s) or directive(s) were issued to the owner/operator:

- Order of a Public Health Inspector served (2019-11-07).
- Report of Inspection provided (2019-11-08).

Final Report

Date of final report posting: 2019-12-03

Date all corrective measures were confirmed: 2019-11-29

Brief description of corrective measures taken:

- Additional follow-up visits were conducted on 2019-11-07 to confirm that corrective measures had been taken.
- On 2019-11-07 confirmed that equipment/devices on hold were reprocessed with appropriate and labeled packages
- On 2019-11-07 physical parameters and biological monitoring were being recorded and conducted.
- On 2019-11-17 policies and procedures were available for IPAC practices, reprocessing and quality assurance program.
- On 2019-11-29 all staff were confirmed to have appropriate training.

Final Report Comments and Contact Information

Any additional comments: Operator education and resources provided.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Environmental Help Line:

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