

Infection Control at Dr Gary Verdickt's Endodontic Practice

Our Practice has complied with all NSW and Federal legislation regarding Infection Control since the Practice was commenced in 2002.

In summary:

- All burs, spirals, scalpels, endodontic files, and needles are sterile at time of use, used once and disposed of. There is (and has been) no re-processing of any of these instruments/devices.
- All re-usable instruments are cleaned in a detergent solution in an ultrasonic cleaner that is tested for efficacy on a daily basis. These instruments are then dried, packaged, and sterilised in a vacuum displacement steam steriliser using a cycle that is designed to destroy prions. This is the highest level of sterilisation available. All sterilisation cycles and parameters are recorded, and efficacy is further checked with sterilisation indicators in each package. All sterilisers are tested for efficacy using both Helix and Bowie-Dick tests on a weekly basis. All sterilisers are calibrated and checked by an external company annually.
- All work surfaces that contain instruments are covered with sterile drapes. All chair and suction surfaces that are touched by staff are covered in single-use disposable barriers.
- An environmental cleaning schedule operates in the Practice to ensure that the highest level of cleanliness is maintained.

We take your health seriously. If you have any questions or concerns about our Infection Control measures, please contact me or my staff. You may also make anonymous comments using the reply-paid feedback cards in our waiting room.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Gary Verdickt

Endodontist