

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- Please do not publish my responses¹

About your responses

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

- Yes
- No

Your organisation

Please enter your organisation's name below:

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

¹ Dental Health Services Western Australia subsequently confirmed it consented to the publication of this submission

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

Option 2 reduces regulatory burden and provides supporting resources to practitioners. It aligns with the principles of the National Safety and Quality Standards which many practitioners are familiar with by requiring outcomes and not dictating processes

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

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

- Yes
- No
- Other

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?

Nil