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CED Resolution on decontamination, cleaning disinfection, sterilization, waste management and a wide range of hygienic procedures



Decontamination, cleaning, disinfection, sterilization, waste management and a wide range of hygienic procedures are important and essential elements of modern dental care. The guidelines for decontamination, cleaning, disinfection, sterilization, waste management and a wide range of hygienic procedures are not constant – they develop and change according to evidence-based scientific findings.

The dentist has overall responsibility over the dental team and is responsible for the professional activities of less-qualified team members. The supervision of a fully-qualified dentist is essential. The dentist is obliged to apply recent research information on decontamination, cleaning, disinfection, sterilization, waste management and a wide range of hygienic procedures as part of continuous professional development.

Decontamination, cleaning, disinfection, sterilization, waste management and a wide range of hygienic procedures are extremely important for patient safety and the safety of the dental team as well. They must be provided effectively in terms of the costs involved. It is necessary to respect and accept national regulations at the level of EU member states.

In this context, it is always important to remember that decontamination, cleaning, disinfection, sterilization, waste management and a wide range of hygienic procedures are fields of commercial interest for many providers and producers.

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