

## Infection Control at Art De Dente (ADA Accredited)



Art De Dente is designed like a Day spa providing larger personal spaces than most Dental practices anywhere. This aids best possible infection control disciplines for Dental surgery environments.

As an ADA accredited practice, our clients can be sure of our standards in safety, peace of mind, and quality of care, that we always provide. At Art De Dente we invest time in training our staff to maintain our accreditation, safety of our clients and team that looks after you. Infection control encompasses all high touch areas from the time a client enters our premises to exiting the clinic.

**In Response to Covid-19** we have introduced additional measures to protect everyone involved in delivering dental care to our clients.

**Front office:** Triage for Covid-19 symptoms, updating of medical history, Hand sanitation, Usage of aerosol barriers, personal spacing in the sitting area- increased frequency of wipe down of high touch areas- Handles, sofa's, etc.

**In Surgery:** before a client is seated, thorough wipe down of all surfaces in the surgery (dental chairs, lights and other equipment's to avoid potential cross contamination). All patients now are required to do mouth rinse using diluted hydrogen peroxide for clearing bacteria's virus's that may be present in the patient's mouth- Usage of rubber dams to provide additional layer of protection to Dentists and Nurses as part of aerosol generating procedures. Additional PPE's are used by Dentists and Dental Nurses.

**Post procedures:** All dirty instruments and other bio waste is collected and moved to sterilization area safely and surgery is once again thoroughly cleaned for the next patients.

At the billing desk, aerosol barriers are installed and PoS machines are frequently wiped using alcohol-based disinfectants. All our instruments are bagged and autoclaved and we recycle the paper from the bagged instruments, so we do not feel so wasteful. All infectious waste is collected by the appropriate authorities.

## Infection Control & Hygiene Standards

We adopt the latest infection control standards at our practice. The Art De Dente our team are highly trained and adhere to a stringent hygiene and safety policy, which exceed Australian standards. All our staff members undertake ongoing safety training, medical emergency procedures and follow regulations meticulously. Your safety is our highest priority.

We use the latest sterilization autoclaves and all instruments are bagged and tracked.

All medical instruments are heat sterilized in the latest state-of-the-art autoclave high-pressure steam sterilization units that are made in Germany (Melag, Miele). Unlike in many surgeries, we do multistage sterilization techniques. We use, industrial disinfecting dishwashers and then Autoclaves. Disposable instruments are used when possible and disposed of in special medical waste containers.

**Sharps management:** All needles are collected in Sharps disposal containers and safely transported by a supplier- Often we use Wand, which is a pain free injection method, however the needles and the tubing is disposable.

## Visit our Sterilization Centre

You are welcome to ask any of the Art De Dente team for a tour of our center at any time to see how our instruments are cleaned by our autoclave sterilization unit.



## We are a dental spa with indoor plants, beautiful aquariums and water features.

One cannot help but feel like they are in a Day spa. Natural light filled surgeries and large spaces for waiting area and a massage chair for clients waiting between procedures. It is noted that snake plants and some of other plants on our floor removes potential toxins and pollutants from the air.



## We are an environmentally concerned dental clinic

We care for the environment and are committed to improving our green credentials- From LED lighting to reduced usage of printers etc.

### Dental Amalgam Waste Management

Art De Dente has adopted best practice for preventing waste amalgam and mercury escaping into the water supply. This is achieved by an appropriate standard amalgam separator as advised by the [Australian Dental Association](#) and [Melbourne Water](#) as part of the [Dentists for Cleaner Water \(DCW\) Program](#).

When removing an old amalgam filling all staff use personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks and protective eyewear. For patient protection, rubber dam is used as an isolation technique in conjunction with dual suction evacuators to prevent any waste amalgam being inhaled or ingested.

Art De Dente uses Leading German dental equipment company Durr Dental's amalgam separators.