

COVID-19

Lee Savarrio - Chief of Dentistry Update (26-3-2020)

I hope you are finding these updates useful. Kindly, I am receiving good feedback but if you feel there is anything specific we are not including please let me know.

There are no significant changes to my update yesterday with the pathways for emergency care of patients working well.

GDS

The offers of help and supplies already received from all areas are overwhelming and I want to say how much I appreciate this, please keep them coming.

Availability of supplies remains vital to keep on the agenda as the situation progresses, particularly PPE. Can I ask that you continue to contact us with any stocks of PPE you have available and especially if you know of anyone that has stocks of FFP3 masks (dental or otherwise) that could be redirected to us.

Any practices with PPE and implant kits including surgical gowns please contact GDSadmin@ggc.scot.nhs.uk with the subject as PPE and include the following details along with your practice address and mobile number

Nitrile Gloves	No.	Face Masks	No.	Others	No.
XS		Type II		Surgical/implant gowns/kits	
S		Type IIr		Alcohol wipes	
M		FFP1		Detergent wipes	
L		FFP2		Visor shields	
XL		FFP3		Hand sanitiser	

Thank you for those continuing robust telephone triage calls by colleagues in general dental practice using the AAA principle (where it is safe to do so). This is helping to reduce the burden on PDS and HDS services allowing us to safely treat those that absolutely require treatment. Please refer to the triaging guidance that was previously issued.

As mentioned, we have received a fantastic response to the questionnaire we issued yesterday to identify any staff within the practice who would be willing and able to come and support PDS/HDS services. Over the coming days we will be contacting some of you with a view to arranging some orientation for various sites and allocating duties as patient traffic through various sites is established. We may also call on colleagues to support our non-dental community medical / nursing services where appropriate.

There has been an issue highlighted around antibiotic prescribing for paediatric patients and I have included some details below which may be of assistance. **Of particular note are the dosages for 5+years for amoxicillin, 10-17years for metronidazole and 12-17years for Phenoxymethylpenicillin.**

Antibiotics for infection – see SDCEP app for full range		
Amoxicillin 125mg/5ml or 250mg/5ml Oral suspension	6 months -11 months 1-4years 5+ years	125mg/5ml tid 250mg/5ml tid 500mg tid (10ml of 250mg/5ml 3 x day)
Metronidazole (if allergic to penicillin or as well as amoxicillin in severe cases) 200mg/5ml oral suspension	1-2 years 3-6 years 7- 9 years 10-17 years	50mg tid (1.25 ml of 200mg/5ml 3 x day) 100mg tid (2.5ml of 200mg/5ml 2 x day) 100mg tid (2.5ml of 200mg/5ml 3 x day) 200mg tid (5ml of 200mg/5ml 3 x day)
Phenoxymethylpenicillin 2 nd or 3 rd line antibiotic 125mg/5ml or 250mg/5ml Oral suspension	6months - 11 months 1 -5 years 6 - 11 years 12-17 years	62.5mg qid (2.5ml of 125mg/5ml 4 x day) 125mg/5ml qid 250mg/5ml qid 500mg qid (10ml of 250mg/5ml 4 x day)

Now that practices are closed we have received confirmation that your weekly activity returns which Scottish Government had planned to support the financial arrangements are no longer required.

We are developing a list of Frequently Asked Questions which we will circulate tomorrow.

Please continue to monitor your practice NHS mail account daily. We are now also issuing all communications to individual NHS.net accounts via our LDC colleagues.

PDS

We are currently finalising staff rotas and work patterns for PDS dental teams to work across our PDS hubs, GDH or from home / redeployment into Acute Medical Services.

The PDS Hubs sites have now been confirmed as RAH, Vale Centre for Health & Care, Greenock Health Centre, Easterhouse Health Centre, Springburn Health Centre, Gorbals Health & Care Centre, Possilpark Health Centre and EDTC Floor 1 GDH. These will be our “non COVID” or Blue sites. As previously mentioned GDH is our Covid or Red site in the Board for dental emergencies.

We are progressing the option of ‘Attend Anywhere’, although there is a significant demand on this service at present, we hope we can have this operational soon to help support even more effective triage, reduce risk and ensure only those most in need attend for hands on care.

As always many thanks to all colleagues in all areas of Oral Health for your continuing support during these particularly challenging times. I realise a lot of decisions to simplify or avert treatments for our patients are counter-intuitive and difficult to adapt to. We can only hope for our patients we get back to business as soon as is safely possible.

Look After One Another

Lee Savarrio, Chief of Dentistry

Stay Safe and Look After One Another