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ACCS Medical Faculty Suggested Infection Control Strategies For Minimisation of Covid 19 Transmission In Cosmetic Medical Clinics

Cosmetic Medicine does not generally incorporate the treatment of infectious illness.

This document suggests measures that may serve to mitigate risk in the circumstances of Covid 19. Most of these measures pertain to social distancing in waiting rooms and extra sanitary precautions and personal protection in the performance of procedures.

This document should not be taken as suggested guidelines for invasive Plastic and Cosmetic surgery.

Please note that in NSW only health practitioners at health premises can administer injectables under current NSW guidelines.

It should be born in mind that the ACCS takes no responsibility regarding any of the following suggested clinic infection control strategies. It is essential to respect and incorporate advice from AHPRA, relevant medical boards, relevant medical indemnity insurers, Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), Federal and State Government regulations.

Please consider requesting all staff to access the Australian Government COVID19 knowledge assessment and certification <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>.

- Staff with symptoms of fever, cough and fatigue should not attend work.
- Reception areas and staff should be protected by measures such as appropriate screening
- All consultations should be by appointment only and spaced to minimise patient crossover.
- Patients should be questioned within 24 hours of appointments regarding any acute illness, with particular emphasis on fever & respiratory symptoms. The appointment should be cancelled if patient is symptomatic of an illness.



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- On entering the clinic patients should be questioned about any respiratory or febrile illness. If they have such symptoms, they should be politely counselled to leave the clinic and to see their GP as soon as possible for consideration of Covid 19 testing.
- Ideally only one unaccompanied person at a time should attend for an appointment with minimal crossover in waiting room and respecting 1.5m distancing.
- If the patient is a child, they should ideally be accompanied by only one adult.
- Patients should be directed to hand sanitation on entering the clinic.
- Appropriate personal protection should be utilised by the practitioners and assistants for procedures including consideration of masks, eye protection, gowns and single use gloves.
- Ideally treatments not be for a protracted period of time.
- Appropriate anti-bacterial/viral antiseptic preparations should be utilised for procedures.
- After each treatment all surfaces utilised during the procedure should be cleansed with appropriate anti-bacterial/viral agents.
- In the clinic regular anti-bacterial/viral cleansing of items such as door handles and surfaces should be undertaken.

Kind Regards

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