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Labelling Dentures

Staff training module for care staff working within Residential Aged Care

Why is it important to label all dentures?

- All Dentures should be **labelled** with the residents' name
- This can be done at laboratory when the appliance is manufactured
- Or by using a denture marking kit
- Dentures are an expensive item to replace, by ensuring all dentures are marked with the residents' name, it minimises the risk of losing a residents' dentures



Why is it important to label all dentures?

- It is an infection control risk for the wrong dentures to find themselves in the mouth of the wrong resident
- When a denture is lost or broken it effects the residents' quality of life and that can have a negative effect on the residents' self-esteem and quality of life
- A resident that has lost their denture may struggle to eat normally and this will have further negative implications for the residents' general health and wellbeing

Labelling dentures: When should they be marked?

As a guideline all dentures should be named:

1. When a new resident enters a facility
2. When a new denture or appliance is made by a dental technician

Dentures should be checked for the correct name:

1. When cleaned
2. When being put into a residents' mouth



<https://www.mydentalcareguide.com/immediate-dentures>

How to label dentures: Using a denture marking kit

You will need:

1. Gloves
2. Dressing pack, or similar to create a clean area for marking
3. Denture disinfectant product
4. Denture marking kit:
 1. Single use emery board/sandpaper material for scuffing denture surface
 2. Single use pencil for marking denture
 3. 3 – 4 single use micro brush/similar applicators for applying varnish
 4. Clear varnish/sealant to cover name markings



Labelling dentures: Procedure

1. Complete hand hygiene
2. Disinfect dentures in denture cleaning solution for 20-30mins
3. Prepare a clean flat surface for the labelling procedure. Use the sterile field from a dressing pack or similar to create a clean flat field
4. Gather the items needed for use whilst the denture is in the disinfectant solution:
 1. Single use abrasive pad x 1
 2. Single use led pencil x 1
 3. 3 – 4 single use micro-brush or similar applicator
 4. Clear sealant/varnish
5. After disinfecting the denture pat dry the appliance and place on your prepared barrier
6. Apply gloves and select a flat surface on the denture that is not visible when the denture is being worn. E.g. above upper molars or inside of lower molars

Labelling dentures: Procedure

1. Using the “single use abrasive pad, “scuff” a small area. This is where you will write the name or initial of the resident
2. Using the “single use pencil” - Neatly write the residents preferred name, or identifiable initial
3. Open the clear sealant/varnish
4. Using the single use applicators – dip into the sealant and apply 2 layers of clear varnish onto the marked area
5. Dip applicator into the sealant, apply to the denture, discard applicator - repeat until covered
6. Allow to air dry and disinfect dentures in Steradent or similar denture cleaning solution
7. Try for comfort in the residents’ mouth.

NB: Do not “double dip” into the sealant

Thank you for completing the denture labelling education module

After completing this training module, you will be deemed competent once the following has been completed:

- A) Complete the attached competency quiz

- A) Using your knowledge, label a residents' denture with the observation of either your Senior Smiles OHP or, a nurse/team leader who has gained competency in this module

