

Infection Control Advice: Purchase of environmental cleaning products for dental surgeries

Considerations prior to purchasing GP detergent wipes

- Are these wipes neutral and general purpose?
- Are they disinfectant free? (If not, are you sure these are detergent wipes? Do you require a disinfectant?)
- Is there a recommended contact time? (Is this feasible?)
- What is the drying time?
- How soapy is it? Is there a less soapy alternative?
- Are they compatible with any disinfectant products you may also be using?
- What is the average surface area one wipe will clean?
- What surfaces can they be used on?
- Are they compatible with the type of surfaces in your practice? (i.e. not cause damage)
- Should PPE (gloves) be worn when using this detergent wipe?
- Are there any other health and safety considerations?
- What type of receptacle do these wipes come in? e.g. packet, tube, bucket
- If the receptacle is refillable, are there any storage or cleaning considerations?
- Are there any special storage requirements?
- Are there any special disposal requirements?
- Is there any contra-indications for using this type of wipe in your practice?
- Purchase price and any discount for bulk purchase?

For wipes which claim to be both detergent and disinfectant, please read the instructions and product information carefully and assess if this wipe is suitable for achieving cleaning and disinfection and if the addition of disinfectant is required in your practice.

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