Infection Prevention and Control Lapse Report
Legget Drive Dental

Initial Report

Premise/facility under investigation
Legget Drive Dental
201- 555 Legget Drive
Ottawa, ON
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Type of premise/facility
Dental Office

Date Board of Health became aware of IPAC lapse
2020-01-14

Date of Initial Report posting

Date of Initial Report update(s)

How the IPAC lapse was identified
OPH received a second complaint regarding infection prevention and control (IPAC) in this dental clinic. In response, OPH inspected the premises and determined another IPAC lapse had occurred.

Summary Description of the IPAC Lapse
Reprocessing
- Reusable dental instruments not packaged for reprocessing in accordance with Provincial standards
- Reusing single-use dental items
- Regular servicing of reprocessing equipment remains incomplete
- Inappropriate use of flash sterilization
- Using Statim sterilizer for flash sterilization of critical dental instruments
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**Did the IPAC lapse involve a member of a regulatory college?**
Yes

**If yes, was the issue referred to the regulatory college?**
Yes, Colleges re-notified
- Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario
- College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario

**Date any order(s) or directive(s) were issued to the owners/operators (if applicable)**
- On 2020-01-20 OPH issued a Verbal Order under Section 13 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) to the owner of the dental clinic to comply with directions given by OPH and followed with a written order on 2020-01-21
- On 2020-01-28 OPH issued a second Order under Section 13 of the HPPA to the owner of the dental practice to suspend all client procedures.

**Were any corrective measures recommended and/or implemented?**
Yes

**Please provide further details**
Prior to resuming dental services:
- Reprocess all reusable dental instruments according to Provincial standards
- Remove Statim sterilizer from the reprocessing area
- Do not use flash sterilization
- Complete all documentation requirements for all sterilized packages
- Staff who perform reprocessing must demonstrate the correct steps for OPH prior to being allowed to resume reprocessing
- Complete and post procedures for reprocessing reusable dental instruments
- Develop and post procedures for cleaning and disinfection of reprocessing and clinical areas

**Date all corrective measures were confirmed to have been completed**
2020-02-03

**Brief description of corrective measures taken**
- All reusable dental equipment was reprocessed according to Provincial standards
- OPH observed and confirmed owner and staffs’ ability to safely reprocess reusable dental instruments
- Confirmed appropriate documentation of all reprocessing
• Staff received some training to reprocess reusable dental instruments
• Statim sterilizer validated and then removed from reprocessing area
• Procedures posted in the clinic for reprocessing and cleaning and disinfection of the environment

Initial Report Comments and Contact Information

Any Additional Comments
Between August 28th and September 4th, 2020 Legget Drive Dental sent letters notifying patients who underwent dental procedures of concern and dental hygiene

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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Final Report

Date of Final Report posting:
September 4, 2020

Date of Final Report Update(s)

Date all corrective measures were confirmed to have been completed
2020 – 02 - 03
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