

FAQs for

ProBarrier™

Environmental Surface Barriers



How can we speed up the cleaning process for our dental units between patients and still meet the new CDC guidelines?

Use a combination of ProSpray™ disinfectant and ProBarrier covers to make turn-over more efficient. The CDC is encouraging use of barriers for better infection control: "Barrier protection of surfaces and equipment can prevent contamination of clinical contact surfaces, but is particularly effective for those that are difficult to clean."

What are clinical contact surfaces?

They are surfaces frequently touched during patient treatment and likely to be more contaminated such as air/water syringe handles, unit light handles, handpieces and chair controls.

How often should I change my ProBarriers?

All surface barriers should be changed between patients. Most dental procedures create aerosols so even if barriers are not directly touched they are likely to be contaminated.

Do I need to disinfect surfaces when I use ProBarriers?

No, as long as the barrier remained intact and on the surface. According to CDC guidelines "The surface needs to be cleaned and disinfected only if contamination is evident."

I have a hard time cleaning and disinfecting my ribbed hoses on the dental unit. What do you suggest?

Try using Tube Sox™ (order # BB-0312H). It covers the part of the hose that will become contaminated, reducing the amount of time cleaning and disinfecting these irregular surfaces.

The manufacturer of my dental chair discourages the use of disinfectants on the chair upholstery. Do you have a barrier for it?

Yes - Chair Sox™ (order # BB-2930C) are ideal for this purpose and fit most dental unit chair designs. Chair Sox will also usually cover most chair control switches located on sides or back of chair. Chair Sox are also a versatile size (29" x 30") for covering carts and operator stools.

What about x-ray tube heads?

The ideal barrier cover is X-ray Sox™ - designed to fit most equipment. Change barrier after each patient. (Order # BB-0528X)

Are bib chains a source of cross-contamination?

Yes! Try using the disposable disposa chain™. At approximately 5¢ per disposa chain, they are cost-effective and avoid the unsanitary appearance of rusted bib clips. (Order # DC-0115S)

References:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Settings – 2003, MMWR 2003; 52 (No.RR-17): p. 26.