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PPE at The Wimbledon Dentist

- You will not be required to pay PPE fees for appointments that do not create aerosol such as your check-ups or any consultations as we are not required to wear 'enhanced' PPE for these appointment types.
- We as dental surgery workers (dentists, nurses and hygienists) have been always wearing our industry standard level of PPE. This may change a bit over the years but we are as used to and comfortable having to wear a level of barrier material as we are with dealing with infectious diseases in patients' spit and blood. We now are mandated to wear a whole new level of this: surgical full length gown, disposable plastic apron, disposable plastic foot booties and disposable hair covering, disposable plastic sleeves, safety goggles, FFP3 respirators, surgical type IIR mask, full face visor.
- The listed PPE items are only required for "AGP's", (procedures that aerosolise spit and blood that could contain this virus) which are generated by most dental treatments, such as you spitting in the spittoon, us drilling teeth, us using the usual ultrasonic cleaner to clean teeth.
- We, unlike NHS Dental Clinics, are NOT government subsidised in any way. The actual cost to our practice to clad the dentist and the nurse in the mandated PPE for one session with a patient that creates an aerosol at Pandemic Alert Level 4/3 (we are now at Alert Level 4) costs £52 as we write this.
- The PPE fee we ask patients to pay is £7.50 for dentist-led procedures and £5 for hygienist-led procedures.
- We hope you understand and we are waiting for the government to drop the Alert Level to 2 when most of this PPE will be not necessary, and what remains of it will not be charged to the patients.