

NHS Materials - Important Information

Many NHS Restorations May be Wrongly Prescribed

For a considerable time we have been seeking clarification over the materials that are allowed to be used on NHS work. We have contacted the GDC, various PCT's and our own trade association, the DLA, without getting a clear answer. Until now.

The DLA have now issued a bulletin with details of the requirements for most appliances, as specified by the Department of Health. Below are the main points. However, if you would like a copy of the full bulletin please let us know and we will e-mail you a copy.

Inlays only in 60% Gold or Composite

Metal inlays that are produced on the NHS can only be manufactured using 60% or more fine gold type alloys or composite; therefore this means inlays cannot be made from non precious alloys of any type or indeed semi precious alloys. However, to keep costs down laboratory made composite inlays are allowed.

Full, jacket or bonded crowns

Full, jacket or bonded crowns can be manufactured using either non precious (stainless steel, cobalt chromium or nickel chromium) or semi precious with a content of over 33½% fine gold or platinum or palladium.

Non precious alloys

Non precious alloys must be stainless steel, cobalt chromium or nickel chromium; this means that the main constituent of the alloy must be one of these three. Alloys whose main constituent for example is copper cannot be supplied on the NHS. If you wish to use these types of alloys they can be provided privately.

If you require further clarification please contact us.



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