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Change of date for mandatory amalgam separators

As per the draft national regulations for the management of Mercury in South Africa republished on 04 December 2023, the DFFE has amended the mandatory installation date for amalgam separators in dental practices from 1 April 2024 to 1 April 2025.

Members are advised to take note of the change and are again reminded of the partnership between SADA and DRI in which members may receive an amalgam separator upon signing a contract for a 3–5-year period with DRI, by clicking on the following link: [South African Dental Association Partnership with DRI \(dentalrecyclinginternational.com\)](https://dentalrecyclinginternational.com). The promotional offer of R6520 per annum will run until 1 April 2024, after which an increase will apply.

Who needs to have the amalgam separator installed?

Members are informed that only dental facilities in which dental amalgam is used, or where dental amalgam restorations or teeth containing such restorations are removed, are required to be equipped with amalgam separators. This would imply that those practices that do not have amalgam separators installed by the deadline would be required to refer patients that need removal of the amalgam restoration or removal of a tooth containing an amalgam restoration to a practice that does indeed possess an amalgam separator.

Please participate in this study -

Prevalence of clear aligner usage in South Africa by dentists and orthodontists

I, Yaseen Fakir, am pursuing my Master of Dental Science degree in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa. I would like to invite you to take part in my research project. Please take time to read the following information carefully, and please feel free to ask questions if anything you read is not clear to you or if you'd like more information.

What is the study about?

The prevalence of clear usage in South Africa.

Why are you being invited to participate in this study?

To describe the use of clear aligners both by general dentists and orthodontists

What will you be expected to do in this study?

Complete an e-survey related to clear aligner usage. [Link to e-survey](#)

What are the potential benefits involved in this study?

Currently, there isn't any literature on the topic in a South African setting. This will provide useful insight into how the treatment modality is used locally.

Will my details be kept confidential?

Yes

In terms of the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act (Act 4 of 2013), please note additional information: Who at UWC is responsible for collecting and storing my personal information?

I will personally be responsible for collecting and storing the data.

Who will have access to my personal information outside of the UWC?

Only the researcher, supervisor, and statistician will have access to the data.

How long will my personal information be stored?

Electronic data will be kept on the researcher's or supervisor's password-protected computer for five years and deleted thereafter. Hard copies will be kept in a locked drawer for five years and deleted thereafter.

How will my personal information be processed?

No personal information will be processed.

Who do I contact for further information?

Dr Y Fakir

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, Yaseen Fakir, on my cell phone (0731571628) or via email (2521908@myuwc.ac.za). Alternatively, you may also contact my supervisor, Prof A Shaikh in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of the Western Cape (UWC), at ashaikh@uwc.ac.za.

To report any adverse or unexpected effects emerging from this research, please contact the ethics committee below:

Biomedical Research Ethics Committee

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Debit Order Mandate - did you see this SADA Member Community post?**Do you wish to pay your SADA and/or Dental Protection membership by activating the debit order facility that is available?**

Debit Order (DO) facilities for SADA and/or Dental Protection membership fees can be paid by debit order. The DO facility allows for the simple continuation of membership, alleviating stress and frustration, as well as the requirement to attend to renewal notices.

Members who paid their fees by debit order for 2023 were automatically renewed for 2024 via DO and should ignore reminder notices that have been distributed by the CRM system.

If you are uncertain whether you signed up for a 2023 debit order, you will be able to check by looking at your bank statement. Debit order mandates for 2024 have been run either on the 15th or 31st, January. They may appear a day or two later on your bank statement.

To receive a Debit Order Mandate for 2024 - **if you are not already paying for your professional association membership by debit order**, please email sadamembership@sada.co.za and a mandate will be supplied by return email. To ensure your request is managed rapidly, please use **subject line *DO Mandate required***

Clearing Browser cache

SADA experience: when troubleshooting with members, their profile access is most often impacted by the user browser cache. Once the cache has been cleared and the user attempts to log in again, access is granted. The following links will explain further, and offer step-by-step processes, and are well worth a read.

- [How to clear your browser cache and cookies?](#)
- [How to clear cache and cookies on Android?](#)
- [How to clear the cache on an iPhone?](#)

Published with acknowledgement to Siteground.com for documentation available recommending the of clearing browser cache and steps to follow. Great details and step-by-step processes to follow if you are uncertain.

Upcoming Events

03 Feb	SADA - KwaZulu Natal Branch CPD Event 3 February 2024 (KZN061)
07 Feb	SADA NORTH WEST BRANCH - AGM - 7 Feb 2024 (NW025)
09 Feb	SADA Border Kei CPD Evening - Dr Marijke Smit 9 February 2024 (BK040)
10 Feb	SADA Mpumalanga Branch CPD & AGM Drs N Morar & S Mpungose 10 Feb (MP018)
21 Feb	SADA Pretoria Branch AGM & CPD Evening (PTA055) - 21 February 2024
28 Feb	SADA Algoa Midlands CPD Evening 28 February 2024 (AM029)
08 Mar	SADA Gauteng South Branch Mini Congress 8-9 March 2024 (GS067)
30 Aug	2024 SADA Dental & Oral Health Congress and Exhibition



