**Any practice**

**Matrix Band Protocol**

Following use, decontaminated matrix bands will be disposed of in the LDU.

They will be transported in a sealed container along with contaminated instruments.

The dental nurse will remove the band from the holder, and dispose of the band in the sharps box.

The holder will then follow the usual decontamination protocol.

The dental nurses are trained to remove the bands from the holder, and they accept responsibility, and any associated liabilities for removal of the sharp. The dental nurses in this practice have not been coerced in anyway

If at any time, any dental nurse does not agree with this protocol, the removal of the sharp becomes the responsibility of the associated dentist. If that is the case the band will be removed by the dentist at the chairside and disposed of in the surgery. The holder will then be transported to the LDU in the usual fashion

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