

State of the Art Statement

Question: What 'cost-of-illness' evidence is there about cross-infection-related infections in dental practice?

Answer: The critical appraisal of the evidence identified no literature in answer to this question.

Although there is literature on the nature, implementation and adherence to generic dental infection control guidance and practice, there appears to be no evidence, from the UK and beyond, on the epidemiological scale of cross-infection caused in dental practices and therefore also of the cost impact of cross-infection caused in primary dental practices. As a result, no cost-of-illness, nor cost-benefit assessment, exists or is feasible at this time.

Further info: You can access the full evidence summary relating to this question via our website www.dentistryresearch.org