



NDECC®

Practical Guide for Candidates

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NDECC General Information

Where is the NDECC held?

The NDECC is held at the:

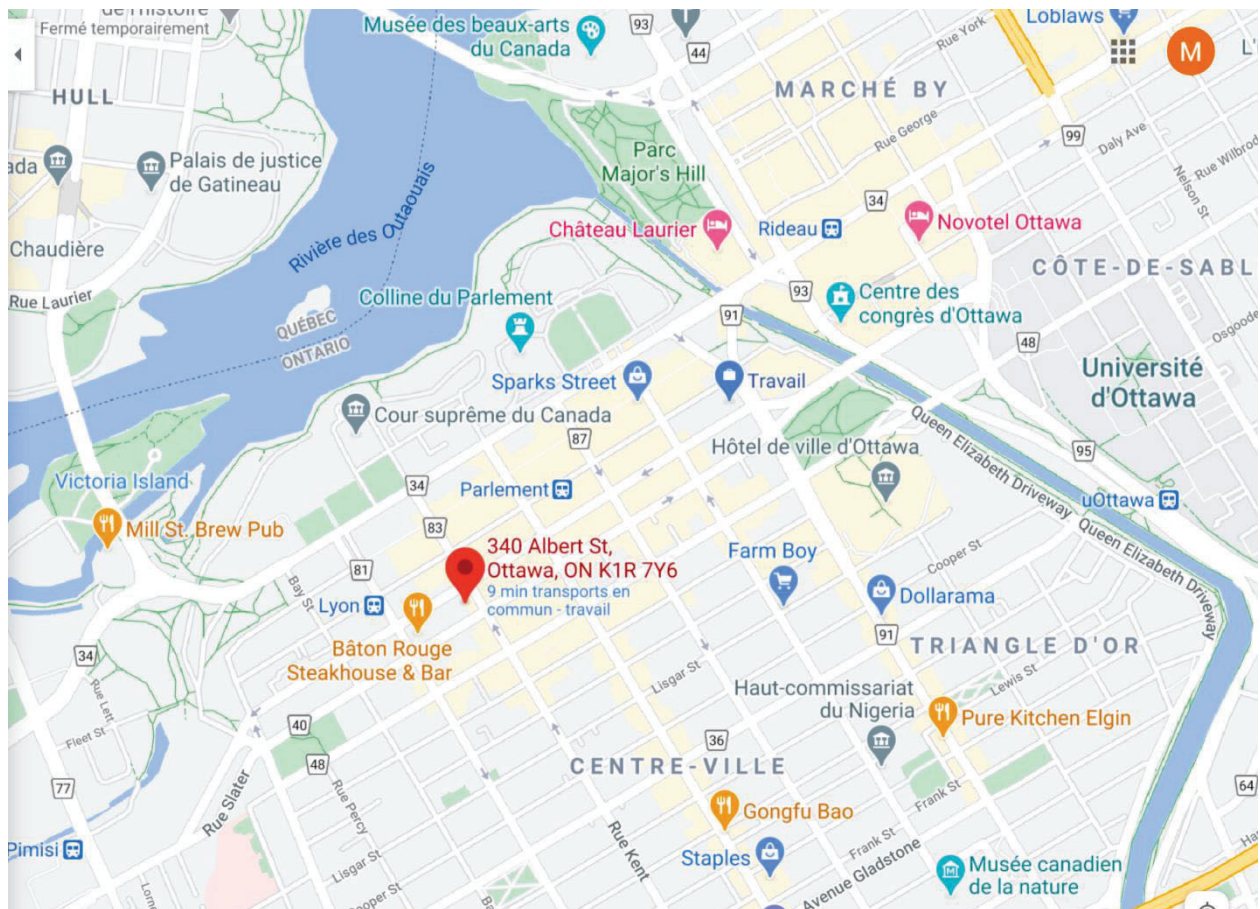
NDECC Test Centre

340 Albert St., 12th Floor

Ottawa, On K1R 7Y6

Tel: 613-236-5912

Info@ndeb-bned.ca



The NDECC Test Centre is located:

- in the same building as Starbucks (Albert Street & Kent Street)
 - The elevators used to get to the Test Centre are located near Starbucks
- a 4-minute walk from the O-train Lyon station
- 4 km from the Ottawa train station
- 11 km from the Ottawa/Macdonald–Cartier International Airport

Travel times to the NDECC Test Centre may vary depending on the time of the day, public transit schedules, and inclement weather. You should plan your travel ahead to ensure you arrive at the Test Centre on time.

Schedule

You will receive your detailed schedule when your registration is confirmed. Please read this information carefully.

The Clinical Skills component is a full-day assessment. This includes registration and orientation at the beginning of the examination day. Candidates will complete two clinical skills sessions of 4 hours each, separated by a mandatory 30-minute break. Candidates should plan to be available for the entire day.

The Situational Judgement component is a half-day assessment. This includes registration and orientation, followed by the Situational Judgement examination, which is 2.5 hours in duration. There are no scheduled breaks during this component. Depending on operational requirements, the Situational Judgement component may be scheduled either in the morning or the afternoon. This information will be provided when your registration is confirmed.

You must be on time and present for all registration and orientation sessions. Failure to attend the orientation may result in missing important information required for the assessment.

Arriving at the Test Centre

Arrive at the NDEB Test Centre at the check-in time indicated on your schedule.

Upon arrival, you will be checked-in for the NDECC. You will be asked to sign an NDECC Confidentiality and Non-disclosure Agreement at the time of check-in.

An NDEB staff member will verify your photo identification. Once verified, you will be given your NDECC card. This card must always be worn in the Test Centre.

Family and friends are not permitted in the check-in area and Test Centre.

The Test Centre, including the registration area and the examinee lounge, is monitored through closed-circuit television (CCTV).

You are expected to always engage in appropriate conduct.

What items can you bring into the Test Centre?

Any food, drinks, medication (if pre-approved during registration), health products, loupes or other personal items to bring into the Test Centre must be presented to NDEB staff for inspection. These items must be placed in the provided basket.

- You may bring a clear plastic bag to carry your items into the Test Centre. No other bags (including lunch bags) will be allowed in the Test Centre.
- You can store your food and drink items in the examinee lounge.
- Medication and other health products must be stored in your mobile dental cabinet or in the examinee lounge with your lunch. Medication and health products can only be used outside the clinic.
- A second battery for your loupes and/or charger can be brought into the clinic.
- You may bring a cleaning cloth to clean your loupes.
- You must store the case for your loupes in your assigned locker.
- You are not permitted to bring gloves or masks (unless pre-approved as a test accommodation).

No other items are allowed in the Test Centre. Everything else you may need is available in the clinic.

What facilities are available at the Test Centre?

You are not permitted to loiter in the Test Centre hallways before the examinations begin.

Locker room

You will be assigned a locker to secure your belongings. These lockers have built-in locks.

After check-in, you will be directed to the locker room. All personal belongings must be left in your secure locker, except for the items you bring with you into the Test Centre. You will not have access to your locker during the examination.

The locker room and the lockers are too small to fit a suitcase. You should not bring any suitcases to the Test Centre.



Examinee lounge

After your belongings are secured in the locker room, you will be directed to enter the Test Centre and wait in the examinee lounge.

The examinee lounge has tables, chairs, and soft seating areas. The lounge also includes a kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave, dishes, and flatware for your use. Lunches and snacks may be stored in the refrigerator. Tea, coffee, water, and snacks are provided. Please keep the kitchen area tidy and place any dishes in the dishwasher after use.

You are encouraged to take breaks whenever needed during the Clinical Skills component. You will not be permitted to leave the Test Centre during breaks, including your Clinical Skills day mandatory lunch break.

Private room

A private room is available for your use (e.g. praying, breastfeeding pump, etc.).

If you anticipate requiring the private room, notify the NDEB prior to your examination so the room can be reserved for you at a specific time.

Washrooms

An accessible washroom and two all gender washrooms are available in the Test Centre.

Simulation clinic

On the day you perform the Clinical Skills component, you will be directed from the examinee lounge to the clinic. The Clinical Skills component orientation will take place in the clinic.

The clinic is equipped with dental simulators (A-dec) fitted with manikin heads and typodonts (Kilgore International, Inc.). For more photographs of the dental simulators and equipment, please refer to the A-dec Simulator and Equipment section of this practical guide.



Situational Judgement Stations

Following the orientation, you will be escorted to the Situational Judgement hallway that leads to the ten stations.

Your Situational Judgement rotation order with your specific station assignment will be on the back of your NDECC card.

End of the Exam

Once the exam is finished, you must gather your belongings from the examinee lounge and promptly exit the Test Centre.

Equipment, Instruments, Materials and Supplies

A list of equipment, instruments, materials and supplies provided during the Clinical Skills component is available below. The NDEB reserves the right to remove, add, or substitute items when necessary.

Whenever possible, the names of products are listed as written on our suppliers' website. There is no requirement for you to purchase all equipment, instruments, materials and supplies. The list is provided to assist you in preparing for your examination.

The dimensions of some dental instruments can vary. It is not recommended that they be used for definitive measurements.

Cassette with Instruments

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| • Hu-Friedy MH7 + MIR5HD | Mirror |
| • Hu-Friedy XP23/QOW6 | Thin Williams color coded explorer/probe |
| • Hu-Friedy DP2 | College dressing pliers |
| • Hu-Friedy DP18L or Henry Schein 1048441 | Cotton college dressing pliers locking |
| • Henry Schein AC603 or Premier Dental | Lever Amalgam Carrier Regular/Jumbo double end
Amalgam Carrier Regular/Large Double End Each |
| • Hu-Friedy PLGH16 | H1 Hollenback Amalgam plugger double end |
| • Hu-Friedy PLGH2 | Amalgam plugger Hollenback Double End |
| • Hu-Friedy CD3/67 | 3/6 Discoid-Cleoid carver |
| • Hu-Friedy CVHL1/27 | 1/2 Hollenback carver |
| • Hu-Friedy MT286 | Margin trimmer |
| • Hu-Friedy MT296 | Margin trimmer |
| • Hu-Friedy CP 15/166 or CP15/16 or CP15/169 | 15/16 Hatchet |
| • Hu-Friedy GK7 | #7 Black Gold Foil Knife |
| • Hu-Friedy BB21B6 | 21B burnisher |
| • Hu-Friedy BB27/297 | 27/29 Football burnisher |
| • Hu-Friedy WA | Amalgam well |
| • Waterpik 20016453 | Waterpik Original Tofflemire II Matrix Retainer Universal |
| • Hu-Friedy TNBBL3 | 3 Ladmore burnisher, XTS composite instrument |
| • Hu-Friedy TNCIGFT3 | 3 Goldstein Flexi-thin composite instrument |
| • Garrison FXP01 | Composi-tight 3D fusion ring placement forceps |
| • Garrison FX500 | Composi-tight 3D ring(s) soft-face in small box |
| • Hu-Friedy EXDG167 | DG16 Endodontic explorer |
| • Hu-Friedy EXC32L6 | 32L Endodontic excavator |
| • Hu-Friedy CS246 | 24 Spatula |
| • Hu-Friedy S16 | 16 Goldman-Fox curved scissors |
| • Hu-Friedy APF2 | Articulating paper forceps |
| • Hu-Friedy H2 | 2 Curved Kelly hemostat |
| • Hu-Friedy SH5/339E2 | Jacquette Scaler #9 EverEdge |

Equipment and Materials

- KaVo air-driven handpieces:
 - KaVo MASTERtorque Mini M8700L High speed
 - KaVo 460LED MULTIflex LUX Coupler
 - KaVo SMARTmatic S20K Low-speed contra-angle (latch)
 - KaVo SMARTmatic S80K Low-Speed (friction grip)
 - KaVo SMARTmatic S10K Low-Speed (straight)
 - KaVo INTRA 181K AirMotor Low-Speed
- Acteon Mini L.E.D OEM Handpiece Curing light 02710
- Amalgamator SDI Ultramat 2 (The amalgamators are set to 7 seconds and cannot be adjusted)
- Permite alloy regular set 2-spill
- Permite alloy slow set 2-spill
- Tofflemire Matrix band (standard) 1 0.0015" (thickness) 1/4" (width)
- Premier Sycamore Wood Wedges wooden matrix wedges (UT Orange, 13XT Neutral, 13T Green)
- Henry Schein Articulating paper sheet thin blue 71 microns
- Mylar celluloid matrix strips straight 0.002
- Palodent sectional matrices standard
- Henry Schein disposable bendable micro applicator
- Harmonize composite shade A3 Enamel
- Unidose composite gun-dispenser
- 3M finishing & polishing strips coarse/medium – Regular width
- 3M finishing & polishing strips coarse/medium – Narrow width
- Henry Schein Retreat K retraction cord knitted plain cotton size 0
- Henry Schein VP mix putty fast set
- Henry Schein Dispos-a-Brush disposable brushes standard bristles
- Pentron Clinical dispenser gun for temporary material 1:1 50 mL
- Voco Structur Premium A2 Fast Set
- Kerr Herculite ultra flow syringe A3.5
- Prebent dispensing tips Black 19 Gauge
- Cotton rolls
- Gauze
- Alcohol wipes
- Henry Schein ACCLEAN floss unwaxed
- Vaseline petroleum jelly
- Buffalo Lab knife no 6 green handle
- Henry Schein lab Muslin buff 1" thickness, 4" diameter polishing wheels
- Meta Dental Pink compound polishing bar
- Henry Schein Laboratory Pumice Medium/Fine

Burs, Drills, Files and Polishing tips

- Henry Schein operative carbide bur straight #FG1557
- Henry Schein operative carbide bur flat end taper #FG256
- Henry Schein carbide bur inverted cone #FG33 ½
- Henry Schein carbide bur operative pear #FG330
- Henry Schein round #6
- Henry Schein carbide bur football #FG7408
- Henry Schein carbide bur flame #FG7901
- Henry Schein Maéstro single use polishing system composite kit (cups, points, discs; green/coarse and gray/fine)
- 3M Mandrel Right Angle
- 3M Sof-Lex Contouring and Polishing Discs – small and large (coarse, medium, fine, super fine)
- Premier diamond flat end taper #847016C coarse (no band colour)
- Brasseler diamond round end taper Brio #5856.31.016 (SC) RD Tap coarse (black band)
- Brasseler KS0 diamond cylinder #30005.31.077 (M) medium
- Brasseler 169 FG flat end taper fissure carbide #H23.31.009
- Brasseler diamond flame Brio #6862.31.014 (C) coarse (green band)
- Henry Schein diamond football #368-018C coarse (green band)
- Henry Schein Dedeco® Euro straight hand piece flame carbide cross cut #9361 (blue band)
- Henry Schein Dedeco® Euro straight hand piece conic carbide cross cut #9322 (red band)
- Brasseler FG Surg medium round long shaft diamond bur #801.36.014 (M) medium
- Henry Schein #6 round bur latch type surgical length
- Henry Schein Maxima® Gates glidden drills 32mm Size #3
- Henry Schein Maxima® Gates glidden drills 32mm Size #4
- Endoflex K-Files 21mm size 15 (white base)
- Endoflex K-Files 21mm size 20 (yellow base)
- Endoflex K-Files 21mm size 25 (red base)

Personal Protective Equipment

- Procedure masks (regular ear loop, tie, and anti-fog with or without foam)
- Ear savers
- Nitrile gloves – extra small, small, medium, large, extra large
- Long sleeve disposable gowns

Additional Supplies

- Anti-fog spray
- Earplugs
- Medical tape
- Optical screwdrivers

Typodonts and Teeth

The NDEB currently uses the series 700 typodont [D95SQR-700(GUB)-OCC] from [Kilgore International](#).

Typodonts and teeth are available for purchase from [Candent](#) and [Knurling](#), the Canadian distributors of Kilgore products in Canada.

700 Series

Replacement/individual teeth and **Series A21AN-700 pre-prepared teeth** are white in colour and are made from a uniform melamine material. Kilgore has A21AN-700 pre-prepared teeth available to practice, but the pre-prepared teeth used for the NDECC Clinical Skills component are not available for purchase. They are custom made for the NDECC and are therefore proprietary to the NDEB.

Series S12-700 teeth with simulated enamel, dentin and pulp are provided for the Endodontic access cavity preparation. These teeth have a 3D printed root structure with:

- Simulated enamel and dentin:

The simulated enamel and dentin in the crown of the teeth are white in colour and are made of a uniform composite resin material with no demarcation between the simulated enamel and dentin. The simulated dentin in the root of the teeth is made of clear resin. The teeth have been manufactured so that procedures may be performed using normal pressure with a dental bur and, if desired, finishing can be done using normal pressure with sharp hand instruments. Fractures may occur if an attempt is made to remove a large section of tooth structure, or if excessive force or dull instruments are used.

- Simulated pulp chamber and canals:

The simulated dental pulp chamber and canals are hollow spaces lined with red colouring (silicone-based material).

Please note that starting January 1st 2027, these teeth will be replaced with **Series A12-700 teeth** for the Endodontic access cavity preparation. They have a simulated hard enamel crown and hollow red painted canals.

700 Series gingiva (GUB for D95-700) is made from a soft, urethane-based material.

Practice Teeth

You will be provided with either a maxillary or a mandibular arch for practice. You may practice on all teeth on the supplied practice arch at any time during the Clinical Skills component. The practice tooth for the Endodontic access cavity preparation provided will not be the same tooth as your examination tooth. All remaining teeth in the practice arch are standard 700 Series replacement/individual teeth. You will not be graded on infection control and safety while using the practice arch.

Tooth Numbering System

The World Dental Federation (FDI) two-digit tooth numbering system below is used for all examinations.

FDI / UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM

PERMANENT DENTITION

FDI	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	FDI
Universal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Universal
Universal	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	Universal
FDI	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	FDI
RIGHT									LEFT								

PRIMARY DENTITION

FDI	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	FDI
Universal	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	Universal
Universal	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	Universal
FDI	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5	FDI
RIGHT						LEFT					

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to bring to the Test Centre?

You will be provided with all the necessary equipment, materials, and instruments for your examination.

The only items permitted are your own protective eyewear and light attachment, which can be dental surgical loupes with additional batteries (or charger), cleaning cloth, your lunch, snacks, drinks, medications (if pre-approved), and health products as needed.

Can I bring a watch or a phone to the Test Centre?

You cannot bring a watch (analog or digital), a phone, or a telecommunication or transmitting device into the Test Centre.

What do I wear for the examination?

You should wear comfortable professional streetwear or scrubs. A disposable surgical gown to wear on top of your clothes will be provided upon request. For safety reasons, open toed or perforated footwear (ex. Crocs) is not allowed in the clinic.

For the health and comfort of candidates and staff, the Test Centre is a scent free environment. We request that you avoid scented products such as cologne, aftershave, perfume, and scented lotion. The use of scented deodorant is permitted.

Where can I eat the day of my examination?

You can only eat in the examinee lounge. Food, chewing gum, and beverages are not allowed in the clinic. We recommend that you bring a lunch and/or snacks on your Clinical Skills component day. Food cannot be delivered to you at the reception. You cannot leave the Test Centre to get food during the examination.

Can I take a break other than the mandatory break during the exam?

You are encouraged to take breaks, as needed, anytime during your exam.

Can I leave the Test Centre during the examination?

No, you cannot leave the Test Center for any reason during the examination.

If you leave the Test Centre to return to the reception or the locker room during your examination, you will not be allowed back into the Test Centre to complete your examination.

What support will be available on site during the examination?

NDECC staff and invigilators will be present on site to assist you. Raise your hand if you have a question or need something.

When do I need to fill out my Communication form?

The Communication form must be completed prior to the end of the examination. You will not receive extra time to complete the form.

Can I change the setting of the amalgamators?

The amalgamators are set to seven (7) seconds and must not be adjusted.

When will I be graded on infection control and safety?

Infection control and safety is graded during the examination only. It is not graded prior to the start of the examination, during the mandatory break or after the exam ends.

What do I do if I can't purchase 700 series teeth for practice?

The Clinical Skills component is a simulation of procedures that are routinely performed in dental practice on patients. Candidates preparing for the clinical skills component can practice on any type of simulated teeth made of melamine materials.

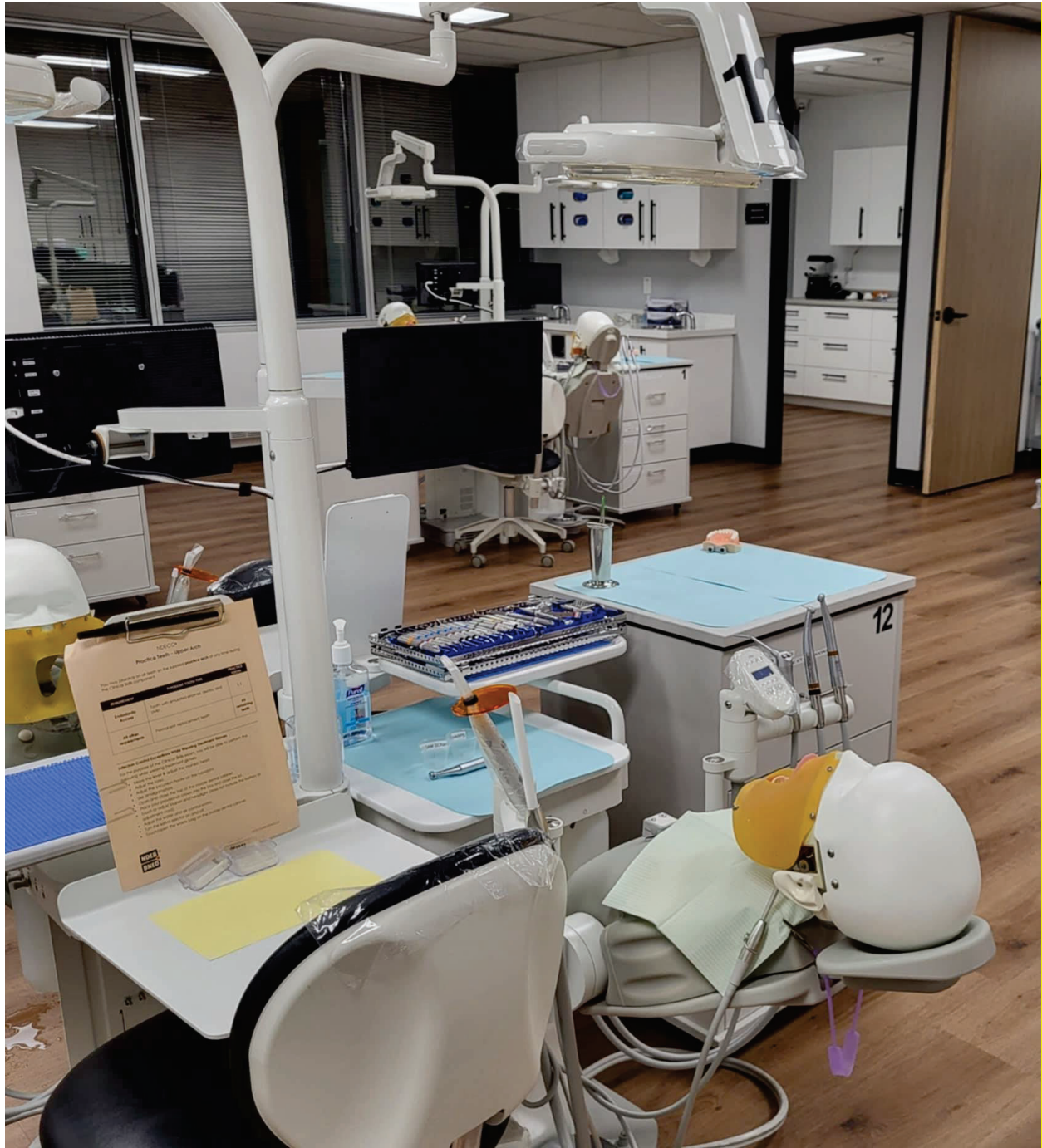
A-dec Simulator and Equipment

Simulators can be set up for right handed and left handed operators. You must ensure that the information about your dental unit side, i.e. your dominant hand (if you are a right handed or a left handed operator), is accurate in your [NDEBConnect](#) account when you register for the NDECC.

Stationary Simulator for RIGHT HAND Setup







Stationary Simulator for LEFT HAND Setup



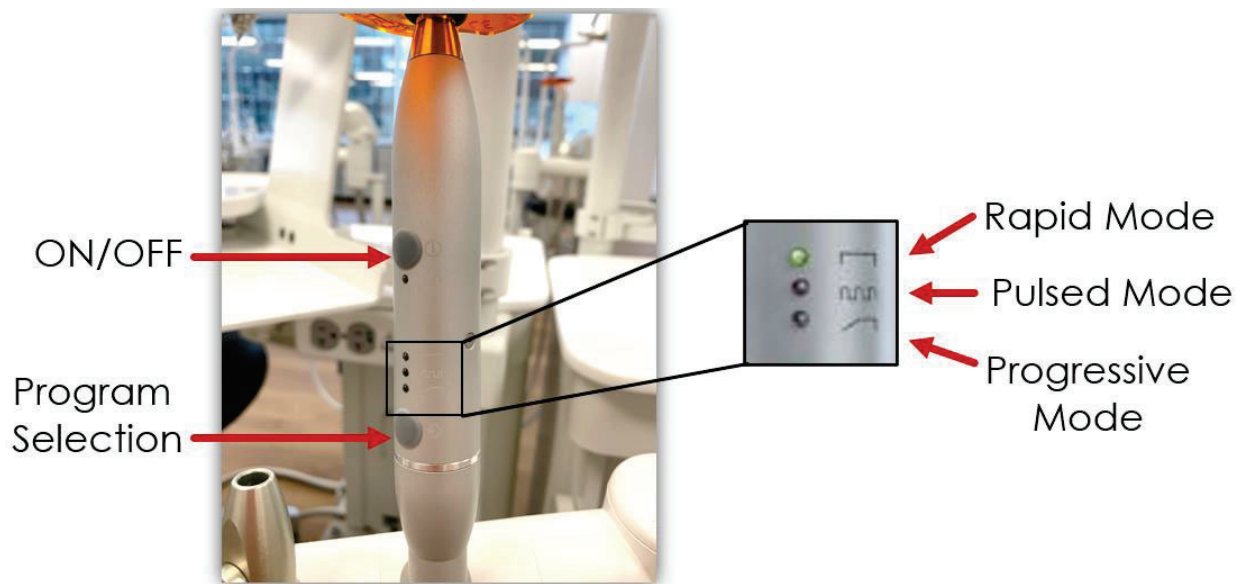




Curing Light – Instructions for Use

The curing light has an ON/OFF button and three light settings. Use the Program Selection button to toggle through the three modes.

1. Rapid mode is 10 seconds.
2. Pulse mode is maximum intensity each second for 10 seconds.
3. Progressive mode is a gradual rise in intensity lasting ten seconds followed by ten seconds at full intensity.



Mobile dental cabinet and contents

Mobile dental cabinet



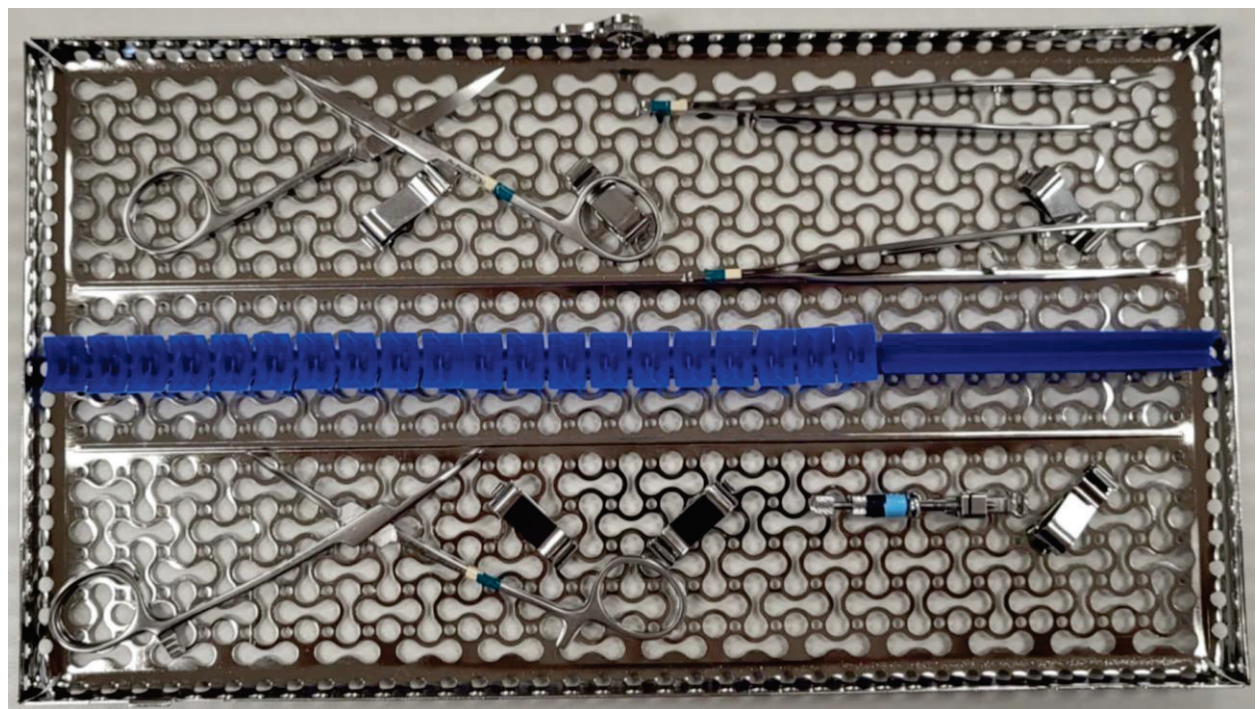
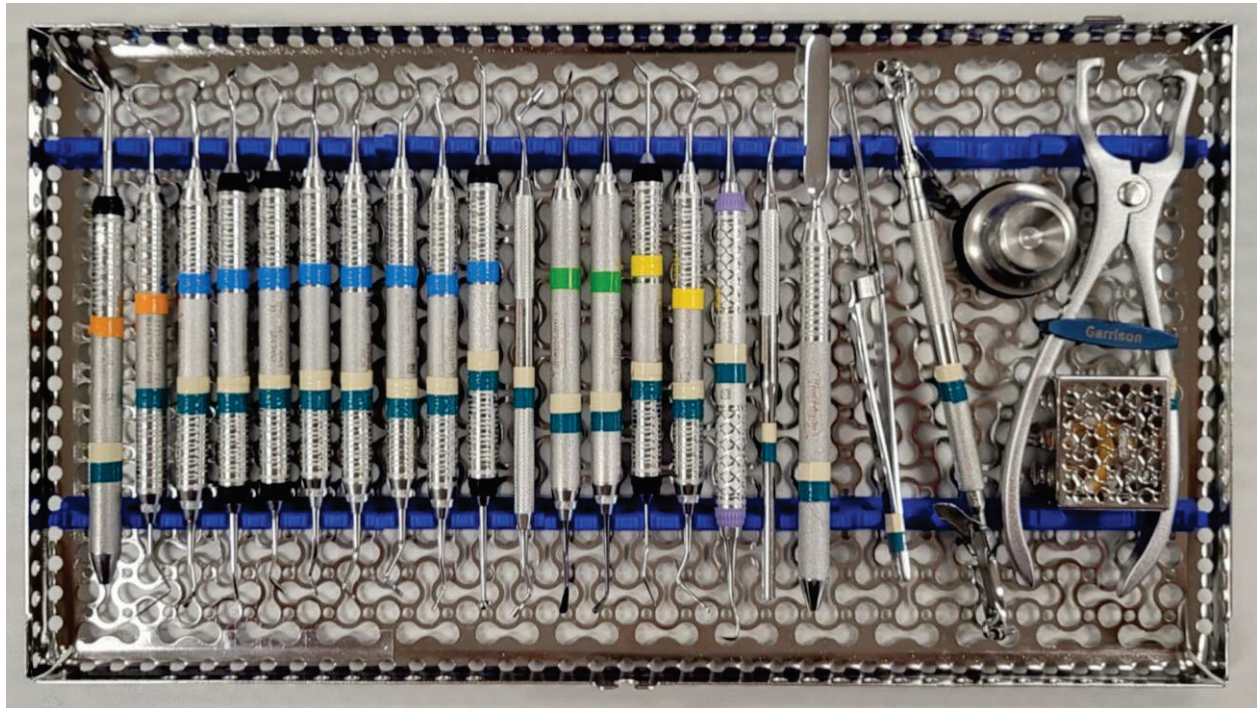
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