

Do you really know how clean your practice is?

The Bella Moss Foundation Practice Hygiene Self Audit:

- FREE web-based resource helps practices self-audit hygiene checks and ensure infection controls are in place across all areas of practice
- Easy-to-use tick sheet takes users through key checks in each area of practice
- Scores are given on the cleanliness of each room
- Practices are given an overall score to gauge whether they are potentially at low, medium or high risk of infection spread and are advised on procedural review
- It is a simple tool, designed to be used regularly to keep on top of practice hygiene and enable staff to record and benchmark good hygiene
- It will also help Practice Standards Scheme members comply with new scheme hygiene modules, set to come into force in November 2015

The Practice Hygiene Self Audit has been developed by industry experts who support The Bella Moss Foundation and believe in getting the basics right - which we know can help stop the spread of antimicrobial resistant infections, such as MRSA and MRSP.



"It is a simple no-frills tool but the whole idea is for it to be helpful and easy to use, so more practices are encouraged to have regular monitoring systems in place to keep an eye on their hygiene protocols."

*Vet and co-creator
Pam Mosedale*

"The BMF Practice Hygiene Self Audit will help ensure often overlooked aspects of cleaning and infection control are considered and implemented. It needs to be embraced by all members of staff, from non-clinical workers through to veterinary surgeons, as every individual has the potential to make an impact within their practice by taking action on infection control."

*VN and co-creator
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Self Audit Tool



	Yes	No	N/A	Action/comment
1 Waiting Room				
1.1 Free of unpleasant smells				
1.2 Floor clean & in good repair				
1.3 Seating clean & in good repair				
1.4 Blinds/Curtains free of dust stains etc				
1.5 Cleaning schedule available & filled out				
1.6 Any magazines, toys etc clean & tidy				
1.7 Waste bins emptied				
1.8 Hand washing / Alcohol rub available for client use				
2 Consulting Room				
2.1 Free of unpleasant smells				
2.2 Floor clean - inc edges & corners				
2.3 Table clean inc under mat				
2.4 Worksurfaces clean & tidy				
2.5 Computer keyboard clean				
2.6 Cleaning schedule available & filled out				
2.7 Waste bins emptied				
2.8 Hand washing / Alcohol rub available for client use				
2.9 Disinfectants replaced				
3 Dispensary				
3.1 Free of unpleasant smells				
3.2 Floor clean - inc edges & corners				
3.3 Worksurfaces clean & tidy				
3.4 Computer keyboard clean				
3.5 Cleaning schedule available & filled out				
3.6 Waste bins emptied				
3.7 Medicines all put away on shelves				
3.8 Sink & taps clean				
3.9 Disinfectants replaced				
4 Prep Room				
4.1 Free of unpleasant smells				
4.2 Floor clean - inc edges & corners				
4.3 Worksurfaces clean & tidy				
4.4 Computer keyboard clean				
4.5 Cleaning schedule available & filled out				
4.6 Waste bins emptied				
4.7 All sinks & taps clean				
4.8 Disinfectants replaced				
5 Theatre				
5.1 Floor clean - inc edges & corners				
5.2 Only essential equipment present in theatre				
5.3 Worksurfaces clean & tidy				
5.4 Table clean including base				
5.5 Detailed theatre cleaning schedules available & filled in				
5.6 Disinfectants replaced				
5.7 Drains disinfected (bleached)				
5.8 Anaesthetic circuits clean & tidy				
6 Wards				
6.1 Floor clean - inc edges & corners				
6.2 Worksurfaces clean & tidy				
6.3 Cleaning schedule available & filled out				
6.4 Waste bins emptied				
6.5 No soiled bedding on floor				
6.6 Sink & taps clean				
6.7 Free of unpleasant smells				
Sub-total	A	B		

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The Bella Moss Foundation has a huge amount of infection control resources for veterinary professionals – from instructional videos to good practice guides and clinical information on infection control

as well as posters and educational materials aimed at owners.

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– all of our sponsorship income goes

straight back into producing educational material like our new audit tool

– and we need your help and donations to continue to operate.

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