**NHSGGC Interim Mouth Care Equipment Guidance (May 2025)**

This is **Interim Mouth Care Equipment Guidance** for all Adult inpatient areas and community settings until publication of the NHSGGC Adult Mouth Care.

Oral assessment and mouth care is a fundamental aspect of person centred care.

**Torch and Tongue depressor**

Use to carry out oral assessment

**Toothpaste and denture cleansers**

Please continue to use the patient’s own toothpaste/denture cleansers where appropriate andask family/carers to replace or replenish products as required.

**Non-foaming Toothpaste**

For use where patients unable to spit excess toothpaste/foam and unconscious patients

**Adult Toothbrush**

Please continue to use the patient’s own toothbrush/denture brush where appropriate andask family/carers to replace or replenish products as required. A toothbrush can be used for 3 months or until bristles are splayed. After use, ensure toothbrush is cleaned and stored appropriately.

**Paediatric Toothbrush**

This may be preferable to a regular toothbrush where assistance is required and if there is any mouth discomfort**.** The paediatric toothbrushcleans teeth, removes debris and can be used to apply oral gel. A toothbrush can be used for 3 months or until bristles are splayed. After use, ensure toothbrush is cleaned and stored appropriately.

**Denture pot**

Pleasure continue to use patients own denture pot where appropriate and ensure all denture pots are clearly labelled.

**Green Sponge Swabs**

Green sponge swabs are used to remove debris, apply oral gel and moisten the oral mucosa and lips. The green swabs do not clean teeth therefore use in conjunction with a toothbrush, where needed. **The green swabs are single use and swabs must NEVER be left sitting in liquid**. Please follow manufacturer’s guidance to reduce risks

**PINK SPONGE SWABS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN** due to risk of sponge detachment.

**LEMON AND GLYCERIN SWABS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN** due to high acidity and risk of causing oral dryness.

Continue to use products identified as best practice within your own area / specialty.

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| **EQUIPMENT** | **PECOS CODE** | **PECOS Description** |
| Torch | 262649 | torch pen pupil gauge disposable twd85.100 each - £0.70 each |
| Tongue Depressor | 086979 | tongue depressor wooden non-sterile un975 1 x 100 - £0.73 per box of 100. |
| Toothpaste | 212828 | toothpaste with fluoride mild mint 100ml ohpfam1450 each - £0.44 each |
| Non-Foaming Toothpaste | \*\*Not Available on PECOs external order\*\* | company name – oranurse – website [oranurse – oral care for all](https://oranurse.co.uk/) – there is an nhs supply chain link on website |
| Toothbrush (Adult) | 1026425  272389 | toothbrush adult 1026425 - £29.32 per box of 72  toothbrush adult assorted 2s00114 1 x 12, np502/21 - £2.50 per pack of 12 |
| Toothbrush (Paediatric) | 1024565 (Child)  5702838 (Youth) | toothbrush childrens 1024565 - £39.99 per box of 72  acclean toothbrush youth compact head - £56.99 per box of 72 |
| Denture Pot | 277193 | denture container printed lid f8620-172 1 x 100 - £5.98 per box of 100 |
| Green Sponge Swabs |  |  |