PRACTICAL DENTAL PRACTICE GUIDE

AS/NZS 5369:2023 + ADA Infection Prevention & Control + Manufacturer IFU

ALPRO MEDICAL – ALPROJET D & ALPROJET W

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1. Purpose of this guide

This practical guide helps dental staff understand how to manage the dental aspiration/suction system as part of the practice's infection-prevention and cleaning routine, and how to use ALPRO MEDICAL AlproJet D and AlproJet W correctly. It is designed for use before an audit, during staff training meetings and as a regular practice reminder.

AS 5369:2023 primarily addresses the reprocessing of reusable medical devices. The aspiration system is managed as dental equipment/environmental contamination control rather than as a substitute for the validated reprocessing of reusable patient-care instruments. The relevant dental unit and suction-system manufacturer IFUs remain essential.

2. The three rules staff should remember

- FOLLOW THE DENTAL UNIT / SUCTION SYSTEM IFU: Check the equipment manufacturer's instructions for compatible cleaning agents, dosing, frequency, flushing and maintenance.
- USE THE ALPRO PRODUCT ONLY AS INTENDED: Use AlproJet D or AlproJet W according to the current Australian product information/IFU. Do not improvise dilution, contact time or mixing.
- CLEAN THE ASPIRATION SYSTEM ROUTINELY: The suction system should be maintained according to the practice's documented infection-control procedure, with particular attention to removal of organic contamination and prevention of accumulation in suction lines.

3. Why aspiration-system cleaning matters

Dental suction systems collect saliva, blood, tissue debris, tooth particles, polishing residues and other organic material during treatment. Without appropriate routine cleaning, contamination and deposits can accumulate in tubing, hoses, filters, separators and other components. A documented cleaning routine helps maintain the system and supports the practice's infection-prevention programme.

AlproJet products are suction-system cleaning products. They should not be described as a sterilisation process for the aspiration system, and they do not replace cleaning, disinfection or sterilisation required for reusable dental instruments.

4. AlproJet D and AlproJet W – where they fit

Product	Primary role	Staff use
AlproJet D	Aspiration/suction system cleaning	Routine cleaning of compatible dental suction/aspiration systems according to the current product IFU and equipment IFU.
AlproJet W	Aspiration/suction system cleaning	Routine cleaning of compatible dental suction/aspiration systems according to the current product IFU and equipment IFU.

IMPORTANT

This guide does not assign an ARTG number to AlproJet D or AlproJet W. Based on the information provided for this project, these products are suction-system cleaning products for dental equipment and are not being presented as TGA-registered/included therapeutic goods. The practice should retain the current Australian product documentation and confirm the exact regulatory status and intended purpose applicable to the supplied Australian SKU before using this document as a controlled procedure.

5. Practical workflow for dental staff

- **Before Use** — Check that the suction/aspiration system is ready for operation and that any filters, separators or other maintenance items are managed according to the equipment IFU.

- **After Clinical Use** — Remove/flush gross contamination as required by the dental unit/suction-system manufacturer.
- **Prepare The Cleaning Solution** — Prepare/use AlproJet D or AlproJet W exactly according to the current Alpro IFU. Use the specified concentration, volume and preparation method.
- **Run Through The Aspiration System** — Introduce the product through the suction system using the procedure specified by Alpro and the equipment manufacturer. Ensure the product reaches the relevant suction lines/components.
- **Observe The Required Contact/Reaction Time** — Do not shorten the manufacturer-specified exposure time. Do not mix AlproJet with other chemicals unless the IFU specifically permits it.
- **Rinse/Flush** — Where required by the Alpro or equipment IFU, flush the system with the specified quantity/type of water and complete the process.
- **Check** — Monitor for visible residues, unusual odour, reduced suction, blockage or other abnormalities. Report faults and follow the equipment maintenance procedure.
- **Record** — Where the practice procedure requires it, document routine cleaning, maintenance, faults and corrective actions.

6. Daily staff checklist

- [ ] Suction/aspiration system cleaning responsibility is assigned.
- [ ] Correct AlproJet product is available and clearly identified.
- [ ] Current Alpro product IFU is accessible to staff.
- [ ] Current dental unit/suction-system IFU is accessible.
- [ ] Correct dose/concentration and volume are followed.
- [ ] No incompatible chemicals are mixed.
- [ ] Required exposure/contact time is followed.
- [ ] Rinsing/flushing is completed where required.
- [ ] Filters, separators and other serviceable components are checked according to the equipment IFU.
- [ ] Faults, blockages or unusual performance are reported and documented according to practice procedure.

7. What staff should be able to explain during an audit

An auditor may ask: “How do you clean your dental suction system?” Staff should be able to explain:

- Which AlproJet product the practice uses.
- Where the current product IFU is kept.
- How the product is prepared or used.
- How the product is introduced into the suction system.
- How long the product is allowed to act.
- Whether and how the system is flushed afterwards.
- How often routine suction cleaning is performed according to the practice procedure and equipment/product IFUs.
- Who is responsible for the procedure.
- What staff do if the suction system becomes blocked, contaminated or does not operate normally.

8. Important distinction – cleaning is not sterilisation

AlproJet D and AlproJet W are used for cleaning the aspiration/suction system. Their use should not be presented as sterilisation of the suction system or as a substitute for the validated reprocessing of reusable dental instruments. Reusable instruments must continue through the complete cleaning, disinfection and/or sterilisation pathway required by their classification, manufacturer IFU and AS 5369.

9. Relationship to ADA infection-control principles

The attached practice guide identifies the ADA Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control as a practical reference alongside AS/NZS 5369, TGA requirements and manufacturer IFUs. For aspiration systems, the practical application is to maintain equipment in a clean and hygienic condition, use compatible products, follow the equipment manufacturer's instructions and incorporate the cleaning procedure into the practice's documented infection-control system.

The ADA guidance should not be interpreted as authorising a particular AlproJet application. The product's current IFU and the dental unit/suction-system manufacturer's IFU determine the permitted method of use.

10. What an auditor should be able to see

- ☐ Written dental unit/aspiration-system cleaning procedure.
- ☐ Current AlproJet D and/or AlproJet W product information/IFU.
- ☐ Current dental unit and suction-system manufacturer IFUs.
- ☐ Staff training/competency records showing that responsible staff understand the suction-cleaning procedure.
- ☐ Defined cleaning frequency and responsibility.
- ☐ Evidence of routine cleaning/maintenance where the practice's quality system requires records.
- ☐ Records of equipment faults, blockages, maintenance and corrective actions where applicable.
- ☐ SDS and chemical-safety information available to staff where applicable.

11. Simple staff decision tree

> **Is the aspiration/suction system due for routine cleaning?**
> → YES → Continue with the practice procedure.

> **Which product is authorised by the practice procedure?**
> → AlproJet D or AlproJet W.

> **Does the current product IFU permit the intended application?**
> → YES → Continue.

> **Does the dental unit/suction-system manufacturer permit the product/method?**
> → YES → Continue.

- Prepare/use the product exactly as specified → Run through the suction system → Observe required time → Rinse/flush if required → Check system → Record if required.

> IF ANY IFU CONFLICTS OR THE METHOD IS UNCLEAR → STOP and obtain the correct validated method before proceeding.

12. Key audit message for dental staff

REMEMBER

Use the correct AlproJet product → follow the Alpro IFU → follow the suction-system IFU → clean the system at the required frequency → document the procedure where required.

13. Staff training reminder

This guide can be used during regular in-office staff meetings. A short practical training session should include a demonstration of the actual suction-cleaning procedure, identification of the correct AlproJet product, preparation/use of the product, the required sequence, safety precautions and the location of the relevant IFUs. New staff should be trained before performing the procedure independently, and the procedure should be revisited periodically as part of infection-control competency training.

14. Important regulatory and document-control note

AlproJet D and AlproJet W are treated in this guide as aspiration/suction-system cleaning products and are not assigned an ARTG number here. The statement that no TGA registration/inclusion is required should not be used as a blanket regulatory conclusion without confirming the current Australian intended purpose, claims, labelling and regulatory classification of the exact product/SKU. The practice should retain the current Australian product documentation and verify regulatory status before controlled issue.

This practical guide is not a replacement for AS/NZS 5369:2023, the current ADA Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control, the dental equipment manufacturer's IFU, or the current Alpro Medical IFU. Before issuing it as a controlled practice procedure, the practice infection-control lead should verify the current product instructions, dilution/concentration, volumes, contact times, compatibility, frequency and rinsing/flushing requirements.

15. Source framework

- AS/NZS 5369:2023 (including applicable amendments) – reprocessing framework for reusable medical devices.
- Australian Dental Association – Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control, Fifth Edition – Amended (2026), as referenced in the attached guide.
- Relevant dental unit and aspiration/suction-system manufacturer IFUs.
- Current ALPRO MEDICAL AlproJet D product information/IFU.
- Current ALPRO MEDICAL AlproJet W product information/IFU.
- Current Australian regulatory documentation applicable to the exact AlproJet D and AlproJet W SKUs.