

WARNING!

'DENPADS' a Hidden Risk

A recent report has alerted the Council to a possible hazard if a patient employs a product called Denpads, to line either an upper or lower denture and thus help secure a firm fit for a denture. If, unknown to the anaesthetist, the Denpad remains in the mouth following denture removal, the soft pad, when it becomes moist with saliva or blood, may form a ball which would constitute a significant foreign body and put the patient at serious risk of aspiration and extreme hypoxia.

In the photo below one can see the pads for the lower and upper dentures. Centrally is an example of a Denpad after coming into contact with warm water.

