

1 **Resolution Number:** 202-2023

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3 **Title:** Personal Protective Equipment Waste Management Policy

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Membership and Professional Issues

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7 **Sponsor(s):** Shruti Gajbhiye
8 Buffalo

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10 **Financial Impact:** Unknown

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12 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board recommends a yes vote.

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14 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee on Membership & Professional Issues
15 recommends a Yes vote and to be placed on the consent calendar.

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17 **Background:** There is currently no policy guiding ASDA's position on personal protective equipment
18 (PPE) nor its recycling. After the COVID-19 pandemic, dental students are required to use gowns and N-
19 95s in student clinics. Current policy encourages student-led efforts of recycling at all ASDA events but
20 does not apply to student clinics nor does it adopt a stance on the changes in PPE occurring after the
21 pandemic. At the University at Buffalo, there is a current system in place to recycle masks and is growing
22 in popularity, but after discussion with surrounding schools, it was discovered there is not a similar
23 procedure in place in their clinics. The mask system includes several boxes scattered throughout the
24 student clinics, which are then given to an outside source, consolidated, and remade into other objects.
25 Therefore, be it

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27 **RESOLUTION**

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29 **Resolved,** The American Student Dental Association encourages all dental schools to recycle personal
30 protective equipment (PPE), including, but not limited to, masks and gowns.

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32 **Action:** The Chair moves 202-2023 with a recommendation of a Yes vote and to be placed on the
33 consent calendar.