

# More than 50 allegations of 'dirty practices' against Nottinghamshire dentist

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Desmond D'Mello

**Former dentist Desmond D'Mello is facing more than 50 allegations of malpractice after causing the biggest NHS recall in history, it has been revealed.**

The charges include not changing his gloves between patients and wiping his hands on his trousers; meanwhile his dental nurse also faces allegations including not changing her gloves after blowing her nose.

More than 4,000 patients had blood tests to see if they had contracted any blood-borne viruses after it was revealed he had also flouted hygiene laws by failing to [sterilise equipment](#).

Mr D'Mello was suspended in August 2014 after a [whistleblower filmed him failing to change his gloves](#) and not cleaning dental instruments between patients at his practice in Daybrook.

The revelation led to the biggest recall in the history of the NHS, with 22,000 patients who had been treated by D'Mello over a career spanning 30 years offered blood tests to check for diseases such as hepatitis C.

He and his dental nurse Caroline Surgey are due to appear before the General Dental Council on Monday.

Mr D'Mello faces five full charges with more than 50 sub-charges, which include wiping his hands on his trousers, failing to change masks between patients and agreeing to issue a prescription for antibiotics without seeing the patient.

A spokesman for the General Dental Council said: "The charges in full against Mr D'Mello allege that in June 2014, he failed to maintain adequate infection control by not wearing gloves, failing to change gloves between patients and other related hygiene issues.

"It is also alleged that Mr D'Mello managed patients in an inadequate manner, including the way in which he issued prescriptions."

The hearing will also consider the actions of his dental nurse, who faces four charges, with 24 sub-charges, including failing to change her gloves after blowing her nose into a tissue and failing to decontaminate equipment.