**To The Members of DAPEI re Face Shields**

Dr. Jordan D’Eon has taken the time to evaluate various face shields for the consideration of the DAPEI.  I will summarize his findings with regards to what to look for in a shield and a few that he has found to be acceptable depending on loupes or no loupes.

He has tried nine different face shields.  (Surgical Room, Top Dog, Second Barrier, MarineNav, Hallmark, Taylor printing Fredericton, Home Depot, and a couple other local versions). There are some clear "winners" and "losers". Things to consider when purchasing a face shield: comfort, cost, clean-ability, and clearancefor loupes.Some common traits he found:

- Wider forehead piece makes for more stable and comfortable shield.

- The "single-use" type ones that are flat until strapped to head with foam for forehead contact tend to be the less comfortable with loupes (may be OK for use without loupes but would be definite "No" in his opinion with loupes.)

- Some of the shields are too close to your forehead and nose and fog up more depending on material

-  Cost range from $9 to $25.

-The "transition line", where the shield ends, sometimes can be in the middle of the field of view of the optics and interferes with sight.

Currently from the shields he has tried, the most comfortable and cost-effective is the "Second Barrier face shield" However it may **not**accommodate your loupes and light as it would not fit his. It may be fine for those that wear loupes only and no light and dental assistants.

[www.secondbarrier.com](http://www.secondbarrier.com/)They are roughly $19 a shield (slight price decrease with larger orders), re-useable, Health Canada approved, from Saskatchewan.

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