**POLICY: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

To ensure safety of the Operating Room Personnel, it is mandatory to wear protective equipments, and to follow the procedures below:

**Eye and Face Protection**

Wear googles and face shield at the same time to secure a full range of

protection against splashes to the eyes and face.

**Body and Hands Protection**

1. Wear Gowns

* should have long sleeves with tight fitting cuffs.
* must not have seams or closure where drugs could pass through
* after each use, the gowns must be disposed to minimize the risk of hazardous exposure
* never wear gowns outside (to the administration areas)

1. Wear Gloves

* always check gloves for defects before use
* change gloves regularly, 30 – 60 minutes changes should be done
* always use powder free gloves to avoid contamination of work area and absorption of hazardous drugs
* turn gloves inside –out when removing gloves
* before wearing gloves and after removing them, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water
* carefully remove and dispose gloves when they are damaged, or if suspecting of their contact.

**Surgical N-95 Respirator**

* provide a combination of the respiratory protection of an N-95 respirator and the splash protection of a surgical mask.

**Certified N-95 Respirator**

* provide protection from airborne particles
* Note: insufficient against direct liquid splashes, and no protection against vapors and gases