

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 goggles 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)

2. 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