

## Donning and Doffing Personal Protective Equipment when undertaking Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGPs)

### The following are considered AGPs

Awake\* bronchoscopy  
Awake\* ear, nose, and throat (ENT) airway procedures that involve respiratory suctioning  
Awake\* upper gastro-intestinal endoscopy  
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)  
Dental procedures (using high speed or high frequency devices, for example ultrasonic scalers/high speed drills)

Induction of sputum  
Open respiratory tract suctioning  
Surgery or post-mortem procedures (like high speed cutting / drilling) likely to produce aerosol from the respiratory tract (upper or lower) or sinuses.  
Tracheostomy procedures (insertion or removal)  
Tracheal intubation and extubation

\*Awake includes 'conscious' sedation (excluding anaesthetised patients with secured airway).

### The following are NOT Considered to be AGPs

Manual facemask ventilation  
Administration of pressurised humidified oxygen  
Non-invasive ventilation (NIV) including CPAP  
High flow nasal oxygen (HFNO)

Insertion or removal of supraglottic airways  
Administration of Entonox  
Administration of medication via nebulization  
Taking a nasopharyngeal swab

### Donning PPE in isolation room with lobby

#### **Don PPE in lobby:**

- 1. Gown (long sleeved fluid repellent, disposable) if patient with confirmed/suspected respiratory infection and/or risk of significant bodily fluid exposure, if not, use plastic apron instead**
- 2. FFP3 respirator, ensure good seal, perform personal fit check**
- 3. Eye protection (prescription glasses alone are NOT sufficient) – use visors in preference to goggles whenever available**
- 4. Gloves – pull on so they go over the cuffs of the gown**

### Doffing PPE in isolation room with lobby

(Start in patient's room standing near sink and bin, well away from patient)

1. Remove gloves (roll off) and discard into foot operated bin
2. Wash hands with soap and water, dry hands
3. Remove gown, roll down and try not to touch the outside, discard into foot operated bin (or remove apron)
4. Remove eye protection and discard into foot operated bin
5. Decontaminate hands
6. Exit room into lobby
7. Remove FFP3 without touching the front of the mask and discard into foot operated bin
8. Wash hands with soap and water, dry hands
9. Exit lobby and shut door
10. Gel Hands outside the lobby

### Donning PPE in side room without lobby or for a cohort bay

- PPE must be put on outside the side room or bay
- Follow the above steps

### Doffing PPE in side room without lobby or for a cohort bay

- Follow steps 1 to 4 above
- Wash hands with soap and water, dry hands
  - Exit the side room or cohort bay
- Remove FFP3 mask and discard to designated foot operated bin
  - Decontaminate hands with gel