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		Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	

POLICY:

The use of Personal Protective Equipment is mandatory when employees are engaged in potentially high risk tasks, because of the high degree of protection provided when used as instructed. All Personal Protective equipment is provided without cost to employees. Personal Protective equipment has been chosen based on anticipated exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials.

PPE is kept in marked cabinets in all soiled utility rooms.

Disposable gloves, face protection, protective clothing (gowns) and eye protection can be located in the PPE supply cabinets.

To Properly Apply Eye Protection:

1. Hand Hygiene.
2. Apply eye protectors.
3. Glove.
4. Perform procedure.
5. Remove gloves.
6. Hand Hygiene.
7. Remove eye protectors.
8. Wash eye protectors with soap and water.
9. Sanitize eye protectors using Germicidal Disposable wipes. (Bacterial, Tuberculocidal, Virucidal)

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To Remove Gloves, Headwear, Eye Protectors, and Gown:

1. Remove gloves and discard into a properly identified contaminated waste container.
2. Hand Hygiene.
3. Apply gloves as needed.
4. Remove headwear or eye protectors.
5. Hand Hygiene.
6. Apply gloves as needed.
7. Remove gown by loosening the back ties and top fastener. Then grasp the gown by the back shoulder, one shoulder at a time, and turn it inside out while removing.
8. Hand Hygiene.
9. Flush mucous membranes if there is any possibility that membrane exposure to blood or other infectious fluids or material has occurred.
10. See Infection Control Nurse or Nursing Supervisor or Director of Nursing if the possibility of exposure needs to be evaluated.