

Personal protective equipment (PPE) for endoscope reprocessing personnel



PPE	SGNA	AORN	AAMI
1 Scrubs		✓	✓
2 Head cover	✓	✓	✓
3 Shoe covers	✓	✓	✓
4 Impermeable gown	✓	✓	✓
5 Fluid-resistant face mask	✓	✓	✓
6 Face shield or goggles	✓	✓	✓
7 Gloves	✓	✓	✓

1 Scrubs



- Before reprocessing endoscopes, you should change into scrubs
- Wearing scrubs prevents your skin cells and bacteria from contaminating instruments
- Scrubs provided by facilities reduce the risk of:
 - Bringing germs into the workplace
 - Spreading germs outside of the facility

2 Head cover



- Wearing a head cover protects your ears and hair from exposure to germs
- Head covers also keep hair out of the reprocessing area
- Ensure that your ears and hair are tucked into your head cover

3 Shoe covers



- Shoe covers prevent shoes from getting contaminated
- Remove your shoe covers before leaving the reprocessing area so they don't track fluid, chemicals, or germs to other areas
- Ensure that your whole shoe is covered
- Tuck your laces into the shoe cover

4 Impermeable gown



- Gowns protect skin and clothing from reprocessing chemicals, contaminated water, blood, patient secretions, and germs
- Insert your arms into sleeves and make sure all skin and clothing are covered
- Ensure all of your gown's closures are securely fastened to provide full coverage that will stay in place during reprocessing activities

5 Fluid-resistant face mask



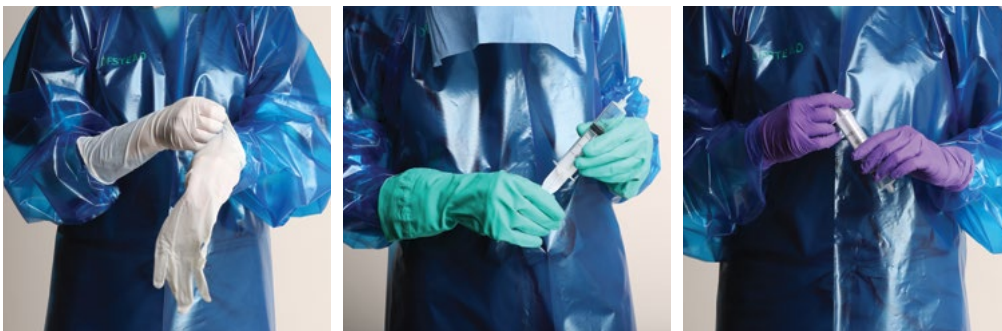
- Protect your nose, mouth, and eyes from splashes by wearing a mask and a face shield
- Ensure the mask is pulled over your chin and nose, completely covering both
- Pinch the face mask so it fits securely over the bridge of your nose

6 Face shield



- After donning the mask, put on a face shield or goggles to protect your eyes and face
- Face shields with an attached drape provide additional splash protection

7 Gloves



- Endoscopes should only be touched with gloved hands, as they:
 - Protect you from contaminated endoscopes
 - Prevent re-contamination after reprocessing
- You may wear exam gloves when handling reprocessed endoscopes
- Use extended cuff gloves (not exam gloves) for manual cleaning
- Pull your gloves up over your gown sleeves to keep water from getting on your skin
- Change your gloves after manual cleaning and before touching a reprocessed endoscope
- Perform hand hygiene every time you remove gloves
- Remember — you shouldn't wear rings under your gloves when reprocessing

Resources

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