Personal protective equipment (PPE) for endoscope reprocessing personnel

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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


