

COVID-19
Provincial Guidance on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
for Intubation and other
Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs)

Enhanced Droplet/Contact PPE required for use during AGMPs

All persons in the room where AGMPs are performed must wear the following PPE:

- gowns (cloth or disposable) fits to below waist
- N95 mask
- eye protection: face shield or eye goggles
- non-sterile extended cuff gloves (If not available, sterile gloves of adequate length should be used)

All persons in the room where AGMPs are performed must remove the following:

- lanyards, watches, rings, pocket contents, stethoscope, and all other unnecessary items

Enhanced PPE discretionary for use during AGMPs with increased risk of high-volume body fluids

Use of these items is discretionary and context-sensitive based on individual clinical circumstances and risks such as vomiting, diarrhea, and active bleeding:

NOTE: This is not related solely to COVID-19 status

- hoods/caps
- impervious gowns
- double gloving
- booties

Clinical:

- the most experienced personnel available should perform the procedure
- the number of individuals present during AGMPs should be limited to only those essential to patient care and support
- conduct intubation and other AGMPs in as planned and considered manner as possible
- ensure required equipment is in the room/bed/space prior to procedure
- sedate and paralyze patient if intubation is required

Physical Space:

When possible, place patient in an Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR) to perform an AGMP. If AIIR is not available:

- place patient in a single room
- close doors and windows

These recommendations may be revised based on future emerging evidence and in consultation with Shared Health and Infection Prevention & Control.

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