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## KASC Standard Precautions for ASC

### Document Type:

**SUPERSEDES:** Isolation Procedure, MRSA, Universal Precautions for Personnel

### PURPOSE:

Standard precautions for the ASC shall employ a system of precautions designed to reduce the likelihood of transmission to other patients, staff or visitors.

### POLICY:

- A. Standard Precautions will be used for the care of all patients and at all times.
- B. On admission all patients will be assessed for any signs and symptoms of illness. If any signs of illness are present, the surgeon and/or anesthesiologist will assess the patient to determine if the procedure will continue.
- C. Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be made available. (i.e. Gloves, Goggles/Mask/Respirator, Gown and additional PPE as indicated for patient care).

### STANDARD PRECAUTIONS:

#### 1. Hand hygiene:

- a. During the delivery of health care, meticulous hand hygiene is required and expected. Avoid unnecessary touching of surfaces in close proximity to the patient to prevent both contamination of clean hands from environmental surfaces and transmission of pathogens from contaminated hands to surfaces.
- b. When hands are visibly dirty, or visibly soiled with blood or body fluids, wash hands soap and water.
- c. If hands are not visibly soiled decontaminate hands with an alcohol-based hand rub.

#### 2. Respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette:

- a. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- b. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- c. Put your used waste tissue in the waste basket.
- d. Cleanse hands with alcohol-based cleaner or wash with soap/water.

Note: You may be asked to put on a surgical mask to protect others.

**3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) use:**

**4. Gloves**

- a. Wear gloves when it can be reasonably anticipated that contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, mucous membranes, non-intact skin could occur.
- b. Wear gloves with fit and durability appropriate to the task
- c. Remove gloves after contact with a patient and/or the surrounding environment (including medical equipment) using proper technique to prevent hand contamination. Do not wear the same pair of gloves for the care of more than one patient. Do not wash gloves for the purpose of reuse since this practice has been associated with the transmission of pathogens.
- d. Change gloves during patient care if the hands will move from a contaminated body-site (e.g., perineal area) to a clean body-site (e.g., face).

**5. Gowns**

- a. Wear a gown, that is appropriate to the task, to protect skin and prevent soiling or contamination of clothing during procedures and patient-care activities when contact with blood, body fluids, secretions, or excretions is anticipated.
- b. Wear a gown for direct patient contact if the patient has uncontained secretions.
- c. Remove gown and perform hand hygiene before leaving the patient's environment
- d. Do not reuse gowns, even for repeated contacts with the same patient

**6. Mask, Eye Protection (goggles) and Face Shields**

- a. Use PPE to protect the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose and mouth during procedures and patient-care activities that are likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood, body fluids secretions. Select according to the need anticipated by the task, a face shield that fully covers the front and sides of the face, a mask with attached shield, or a mask **and** goggles. Use during aerosol-generating procedures (e.g., bronchoscopy, suctioning of the respiratory tract).

**See Appendix A: For example of Safe Donning and Removal of Personal Protective Equipment**

**REFERENCE:**

Guidelines for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings 2007, CDC

**Attachments:**

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## Applicability

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