

PAPR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: REUSE OF HOOD

Reuse of a hood in the Inpatient Setting:

Procedure requires Infection Prevention/Emergency Management approval with scarce resource scenarios.

Reuse will not be done if the hood is:

- Damaged- integrity of the hood is compromised
- Dirty/Soiled
- Damp

To reuse PAPR hood:

- Gather PAPR motor blower unit, hood and tubing.
- Write name on clean PAPR hood.
- Follow instructions for use located in Policy Tech (procedure listed below).
- After Removal:
 - Disinfect **all** equipment with sani wipes and allow to dry (blower unit, tubing and hood).
 - Store hood in bag.
 - Write name on bag for storage. Hoods are single person use- do not share hoods between Team Members.
 - PAPR hoods will be stored indefinitely, until the hood integrity is compromised (damaged/dirty).

Encounter/visit that will not require repeated donning and doffing during a shift cycle:

- Follow above removal steps. Place the PAPR hood in a paper bag with your name/date written on it. Storage of your bags will occur as directed based on physical location and available space.
- Reused mask will be stored for the entirety of the patient's stay (used for that patient only) or becomes damaged or the integrity is compromised.

Procedure (found in Policy Tech):

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