Acute Care Doffing Training Checklist for EVD

Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) and Gown

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This checklist is designed to assist with training healthcare workers (HCWs) on the correct doffing of personal protective equipment (PPE) while wearing a powered air purifying respirator (PAPR) for EVD. Note this is a sample and may be adapted to meet relevant standards of practice and/or specific manufacturer's recommendations, including the user instructions for the selected PPE.

The tool can be used to verify and document that all necessary doffing steps are performed in the proper sequence. Any errors or omissions identified during practice and skill proficiency demonstrations must be communicated immediately, to ensure appropriate instructions are provided and corrective action are taken to ensure the protection of the HCW.

Note: Hand hygiene should be performed after removing PPE, before hands approach the face and any time hand contamination is identified or suspected during the doffing process. The trained observer will need to be trained on when to change gloves and perform hand hygiene at critical steps during the doffing process to minimize crosscontamination.

Before you begin, instruct HCW(s) that PPE must be removed slowly and carefully. Establish clearly defined decontamination zones (hot, warm, and cold) and protocols to prevent and control secondary contamination during doffing. A trained observer, wearing appropriate PPE based on a risk assessment, will be available throughout the doffing process to guide and assist where appropriate to do so.



TRAIN.	PRAC.	PROF.		DOFFING PPE PROCEDURE	COMMENTS (May include size of PPE)
				Inspect PPE for gross contamination, cuts or tears:	
			100	The trained observer will instruct the HCW to raise their hands and slowly turn in a circle; visible signs of gross contamination, cuts or tears will be documented and immediately considered for risk mitigation and removal	
				Remove gross contamination as per organizational policy (e.g., absorbent paper towels, approved hospital grade disinfectant wipes); using a gentle single-swipe motion down and away from self and others	
				Use a full-length mirror to minimize contamination; stay away from the edge of the hood opening and only remove when safe and necessary to do so	
				Communicate and verify contamination is removed; note areas where decontamination was not possible or prudent	
				Dispose wipes into designated waste container	
			2	Remove outer gown and/or apron (if applicable):	
				Unfasten ties/velcro of gown and/or apron	
				Remove gown and/or apron by gently rolling inside out; taking care to avoid contact with the outside surface of the gown	
				Dispose into designated waste container	
			3	Remove outer footwear and/or boot coverings:	
				Remove outer footwear and/or foot coverings carefully to avoid inadvertent contact and cross- contamination	
				Take care not to slip or fall; use clean chair or grab bar as needed	
				Dispose into designated waste container; where non-disposable boots are used, place boots in a designated storage bin for reprocessing	
			4	Remove outer gloves:	
				Remove outer gloves taking care not to touch inner	
				gloves or bare skin Dispose into designated waste container	
				 Dispose into designated waste container Inspect inner gloves for visible contamination, cuts or tears; follow established protocol if breach occurs 	
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			50	 Turn off motor and disconnect breathing tube: Trained observer may assist with turning off the PAPR and disconnecting the breathing tube from the PAPR assembly 	
			•	 Remove PAPR hood: Grab the shroud at the front of the PAPR with one hand, while placing the other hand at the top of the head Bending at the waist and looking down, the PAPR user will gently slide the hood off and away from head Place the PAPR hood and attached breathing tube carefully into a designated waste container or storage bin for either disposable or reprocessing as per internal organizational policy 	
			2	Remove PAPR assembly: Unbuckle the waist belt and place carefully into a designated container for either disposal (e.g., belt, filter) or reprocessing of individual components (e.g., motor/blower unit) as per internal organizational policy	
			ŧ	 Remove gown: Trained observer may assist to unfasten gown before gently rolling down and turning inside out Avoid contact of inner clothing with outer surface of gown during removal, touching inside of the gown only Dispose into designated waste container 	
			1	 Remove boot coverings: Remove boot covers carefully to avoid inadvertent self- and cross-contamination Take care not to slip or fall; use clean chair or grab bar as needed Dispose into designated waste container 	
			•	 Remove inner gloves: Inspect gloves for visible contamination, cuts or tears before removing; follow internal decontamination procedure as necessary Take care to avoid touching the outside of the gloves with bare skin; remove gloves using glove to glove, skin to skin technique Dispose into designated waste container 	
				 Perform hand hygiene: Use alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR); use soap and water if hands are visibly soiled 	
			12	Verify doffing procedure: Confirm and document sequence has been completed correctly and no contamination has occurred	
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