Acute Care Doffing Training Checklist for EVD

Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) and Coverall

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 measures 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 cross-contamination.

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)
			100	Inspect PPE for gross contamination, cuts or tears: 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 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 coverall Dispose into designated waste container	
			3	Remove outer footwear and/or boot coverings: Remove outer footwear and/or boot coverings 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; where non-disposable boots are used, place boots in a designated storage bin for reprocessing	
			4	Remove outer gloves: Remove outer gloves; take care not to touch inner gloves or bare skin Dispose into designated waste container Inspect inner gloves for visible contamination, cuts or tears; follow established protocol if breach occurs	





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				Turn off motor and disconnect breathing tube:	
			50	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 disposal or reprocessing as per internal organizational policy	
				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	
				Remove coverall:	
			8	Trained observer may assist to unzip and/or unfasten coverall completely before rolling suit down and off the user's shoulders; continue to lower coveralls below inner foot coverings	
				Avoid contact of inner clothing with outer surface of coverall during removal, touching only the outside of the coverall with gloved hands	
				Use clean chair or grab bar as needed	
				Remove feet from coverall socks one at a time, taking care to place feet into an uncontaminated area	
				Dispose into designated waste container	
				Remove inner 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:	
Ш	Ш	Ш		Use alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR); use soap and water if hands are visibly soiled	
				Verify doffing procedure:	
				 Confirm and document sequence has been completed correctly and no contamination has occurred 	
Name of	f			Name of	
Trainer:				Worker: Signature:	Date:



