**Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA)**

**ASSESS the ACTIVITY/TASK , the PATIENT and the ENVIRONMENT1 prior to EACH PATIENT INTERACTION**

Performing a **PCRA** is the first step in routine practices.

**Routine Practices** are to be used with **all patients** for **all care** and **all interactions.** This will help you decide the **PPE** you need to wear to protect yourself

and to prevent the spread of germs.

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| A **PCRA** is to be performed prior to contactwith every patient, every time even if the patient has been placed on**Additional Precautions** as additional PPE may be required. |
| 1. **Assess the patient**- Compliant, Cognizant, Capable, Clean, Contained
2. Is the patient **displaying or verbalizing symptoms that may** pose a **potential risk of BBF2**
3. **Where will the task be performed** i.e. hallway, public areas, within bedspace, private room
4. Assess the **activity or task** about to be performed i.e. turning and positioning, AGMP, etc.

***Based on the answers to the questions above in addition to the guidance below (and Directive # 5³ during the COVID-19 Pandemic) determine the appropriate PPE*** |
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WEAR GOWN

**Will an Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP) be performed?**

Will my hands be

exposed to BBF2 or contaminated items?

Will my clothing or skin become

soiled from splashes/sprays or contact with items contaminated with BBF2?

Will my eyes or face or

mucous membranes be splashed or sprayed with BBF2or am I within 2 meters of coughing or vomiting

YES

YES

YES

WEAR NON-STERILE

GLOVES

WEAR FLUID

RESISTANT MASK AND EYE PROTECTION

NO

**Follow process**

**above**

YES

**During the COVID-19 Pandemic (High Epidemiology/Omicron VOC phases)**

**Apply an N95 respirator (instead of a fluid resistant mask) eye protection, gown, gloves.**

If COVID-19 suspect or confirmed place patient in an AIIR (negative pressure room) if available or private room with the door closed - with HEPA filter if available- for the procedure. There is no requirement for a fallow time (wait time) after the procedure and/or after the patient has left the room.

If patient is suspect for TB, place in an AIIR and a fallow time is required.

**Perform Hand Hygiene before and after PPE use**

# 1

**Environment** = any area within 2 meters of the patient as well as their belongings and bathroom or the immediate space around a patient that may be touched by the patient AND may also be touched by the healthcare provider when providing care or performing tasks

# 2

**BBF** = Blood and Body Fluids (includes: urine, feces, wound drainage, saliva, vomit, CSF, sputum, nasal secretions, semen, vaginal secretions)

³ **Directive 5 =** if a regulated health professional determines, based on their PCRA, and based on their professional and clinical judgement and proximity

to the patient, that an N95 respirator may be required in the delivery of care or services (including interactions), then access to a fit-tested N-95 respirator or approved equivalent or better protection will be provided